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The 1984-85 staff of SIGMA SIGNS would like to dedicate this issue to Professor Timothy J. Nugent. Without his fighting spirit and seemingly endless determination, the disabled individual would not have near the opportunities which are available today. Professor Nugent's continuing support and guidance will be remembered and appreciated always. As of September 1, 1985, Professor Nugent will retire from his position as Director of the Rehabilitation Education Center, and we would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to both he and Mrs. Nugent. Thank you both for never giving up, and for working to make the Rehabilitation Education Center and Delta Sigma Omicron what they are today.

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Dear Readers,

I am pleased to extend greetings to the readers of the 1984-85 edition of SIGMA SIGNS, to all members of Delta Sigma Omicron, and to DSO alumni, families, and friends. These greetings are offered not only on behalf of Mrs. Everhart and myself, but also on behalf of all the faculty, students, and staff of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Before I moved here from Cornell University last summer I had been told of the many accomplishments of the students and alumni of the Division of Rehabilitation Education. During this past year, I have had frequent occasion to confirm these good reports.

I am proud to be associated with a campus that has, over the years, been able to provide opportunities unequalled elsewhere for the continuing intellectual, social, and physical development of students with disabilities. While these opportunities have resulted from the work of many people within the Rehabilitation Education Center and throughout the University and the larger community, it is especially appropriate at this time to acknowledge the debt of gratitude which is owed to Director Timothy Nugent. Director Nugent's vision of and belief in "the impossible dream" has been the key to the successful development of our exceptional program on this campus, and we are indeed grateful for his leadership.

Of course, the most which any university can do is to provide opportunities; those to whom the opportunities are provided must make good use of them if anything is to be accomplished. I salute both those who have made and those who are now making good use of the opportunities offered here. With your effort, understanding, and support, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will continue to move forward in pursuit of our shared dream.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Everhart,
Chancellor

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The past 38 years have been challenging, exciting, often times frustrating, but always rewarding with a lot of good fun thrown in. Knowing and working with you, being privileged to observe your achievements, both personally and professionally, and recognizing your leadership roles in the communities in which you have settled have been, without a doubt, my greatest gratifications, along with the strong friendships that have evolved.

I am indeed grateful to the great majority of our alumni who have continued to support the Rehabilitation Education Program and Delta Sigma Omicron through contributing their time, their expertise, their valuable experiences and, on many occasions, funds which made it possible to maintain many of the activities on behalf of current students and also to enlarge and enhance the offerings of our Program. I am particularly indebted to my original students and to all those who came in the early years who were pioneers in every sense of the word and who endured what many today would consider extreme hardships because they believed strongly in what we were trying to accomplish on behalf of those with severe, physical disabilities. Without that continued support, both personal and financial, many of the things that our students have been privileged to experience and achieve over the years would not have been possible.

It is not my desire or intent to abandon or depart from all those things that are a part of and that have grown out of our Rehabilitation Education Program. I shall continue to work in the field, perhaps devoting more time to research, writing, consulting, lecturing, and I shall always be available, God willing, to help in any way that I can. At this time, it is our intention to remain in Champaign-Urbana where we can be easily reached and so that I might complete some of the projects that I initiated years ago but could not complete because of other demands upon my time. I sincerely hope that should any of you be in this area you will take time to stop by and visit. I also hope that my future travels will not be as crowded as they have been in the past and that they might grant me the opportunity to visit with many of you. It would be most enjoyable.

Thank you for 38 very wonderful, meaningful and productive years. Let's keep in touch.

Very sincerely yours,

T. J. Nugent, H.D., LL.D.
Professor and Director

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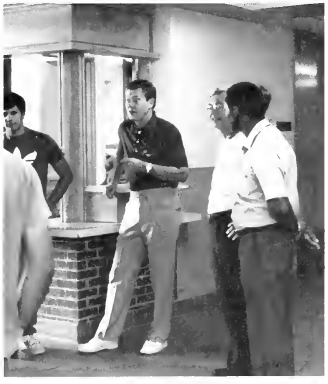

Joe Konitzki orienting another group through the Rehab Education Center

Dean Robert Herron and Tim Nugent congratulate Dr. Joseph Larsen on being selected as the new Director of the Rehabilitation Education Center. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

Brad Hedrick at the Wheelchair Varsity All Sports Award Banquet. *Photo by Curt Beamer*

At the Top of the Inn — Tim Nugent and guests from the South African Sports Association — Louisa, Menzo (Executive Director) and Karin Barish, Elijah Ndun — gane (National Vice President).

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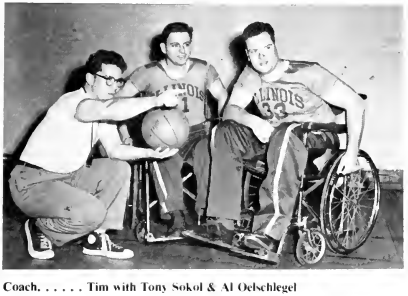
OUR FOUNDER IS RETIRING

by Linda Mastandrea

On September 1, 1985, Professor Timothy J. Nugent will officially retire from his position as Director of the Rehabilitation Education Center. He has been the director since he founded the program in the 1940's.

He became interested in working with the disabled partly because, as a youngster, he had physical problems that medical science just couldn't cope with at the time. He was also closely associated with some severely disabled people. He worked for awhile as a volunteer teacher for the disabled and did not think they were being offered appropriate schooling. During World War II he was an instructor in the Medical Corps, served briefly with the Corps of Engineeers and entered combat as a member of the 99th Infantry Division. He returned from combat as a disabled veteran. Finally, the most critical deciding factor in his getting involved was that he needed a program for his doctoral dissertation that would be his own. He has been working on and developing those beginning ideas for thirty-seven years.

Our Rehabilitation Education Program was the first program of higher education for the severely permanently disabled. It began in the 1947-48 school year on the University of Illinois Galesburg campus. In the summer of 1949, the program was moved here where it has remained ever since.



Coach. . . . . Tim with Tony Sokol & Al Oelschlegel

During the past thirty-seven years, Professor Nugent has been a director, therapist, teacher, consultant, coach and friend to students enrolled in the Rehabilitation Education Program. He coached the Gizz Kids for twelve years, during which time they qualified for the national tournament each year. He also coached the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights for 4 years and was also instrumental in getting the Ms. Kids organized.

Professor Nugent has been at the forefront of so many unprecedented programs that we now almost tend to take for granted. He founded the first comprehensive program of higher education for those with severe, permanent physical disabilities. He was recognized by the Council on Exceptional Children for his leadership and expertise in assisting in the establishment of programs at the elementary and secondary levels. He was the principal founder of Delta Sigma Omicron, rehabilitation service fraternity, and has worked closely with the fraternity throughout its history. He co-sponsored and

Counsellor. . . . . Tim with Dean Nosker.

directed the first National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, founded the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and served as its Commissioner for 25 years seeing it develop into a strong and viable organization with hundreds of teams scattered in various conferences throughout the country. He developed the first bus system wherein an able bodied (ambulatory) person and those with physical disabilities, including those in wheelchairs, could conveniently, efficiently and safely use the same buses. This system is now 33 years old. He has been recognized many times for his leadership and influence in developing accessible environments for those with disabilities as Director of Research and Development, Secretary to the Steering and Sectional Committees, and Chairman of the National Committee of the American National Standard, "Specifications for Making Buildings and

Tim Nugent, Founder & Commissioner of the National Wheelchair Basketball Assoc., at 2nd Annual Tournament Banquet with John D'Angostino & Jack Leonard of the Detroit Sparks.

Administrator – the old staff meetings. . . Marietta Kirkwood, Tim, Dorothy Cromwell, Eden Nicholas, Dean Trembly, Leta Cox, Tom Rickard.

Facilities Accessible To and Usable By Physically Handicapped People." He has been responsible for research and development in many other specific areas that have proved most meaningful to those with disabilities. He has been awarded several prestigious lectureships and has lectured throughout the United States and in many foreign countries at major professional meetings, colleges, universities and medical schools. He has published widely in articles and contributed to many books and encyclopedia. He has fostered many documentary films, training films, manuals and slide programs that have been used throughout the world. Dr. Nugent has held many leadership roles with many organizations and agencies at state, national and international levels. He has assisted in the development of many new and unprecedented programs in many parts of the world. He has served as a consultant to hundreds of colleges and universities, countless corporations, businesses and organizations, school districts, and federal and state agencies. He has given testimony before Congressional Committees and State Legislative Committees. He has received countless, prestigious, professional awards at international, national, state and local levels, and, several national and state awards have been named in his honor. On the civic level, he has been involved with Optimist International as well as many other service and youth activities.

In spite of all his obligations and busy schedule, Professor Nugent has always taken the time to talk to the students and get to know them, something which sets him apart from the ordinary administrator. Students aren't just faces to him, they're *people*. Things are different today than back when he would take road trips with the Gizz Kids and retired bus

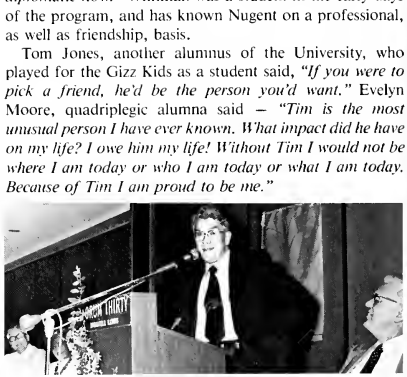
The Dedication of the new Rehabilitation Education Center building.

The perfect pair – Associate Director Joe Konitzki & Tim at New Student Orientation program.

driver, Fergie Fergusson, but he still makes the effort to get involved. Last spring, he attended Delta Sigma Omicron's Hawaiian Luau, and won a prize in the Gimp Gams Contest for having the best looking knees! It's things like this that help you look beyond Tim Nugent, Director and Professor, and see Tim Nugent the man and friend.

When asked to describe Professor Nugent, alumnus Jack Whitman said, *"He used to be a real fireball. . . he's more diplomatic now."* Whitman was a student in the early days of the program, and has known Nugent on a professional, as well as friendship, basis.

Tom Jones, another alumnus of the University, who played for the Gizz Kids as a student said, *"If you were to pick a friend, he'd be the person you'd want."* Evelyn Moore, quadriplegic alumna said – *"Tim is the most unusual person I have ever known. What impact did he have on my life? I owe him my life! Without Tim I would not be where I am today or who I am today or what I am today. Because of Tim I am proud to be me."*



Tim on the lecture circuit.

Professor Nugent took an idea and turned it into a reality not only for students at the University, but for disabled people everywhere. Because he believed, he didn't let anything or anyone get in the way of his plans. Today, we have the Beckwith Living Center, the Rehabilitation Education Center, which serves the needs of students from counseling and medical services to transportation and physical therapy, and one of the most accessible campuses anywhere to show for it.

Professor Nugent can retire knowing he did what he set out to do – find a way for disabled students to attend school, participate in activities, work and live with the highest degree of independence. He can be proud of his achievements and know that there are thousands of people carrying on work that he started. And he can also take pride in knowing that even though he is retiring, his presence will still be felt in every area concerning the disabled.

His was just one more "impossible dream" which, in this case, happened to come true.

MEMORIES AND IMPRESSIONS OF TIM. . .

Glen Bellows, '59 – *"Tim was an aggressive, inspiring leader who taught us to be our best at whatever we did and then not to allow anyone to shut doors in our faces because of our disabilities. He believed in us and taught us to believe in ourselves."*

Wayne H. Broeren, '54 – *"I owe my life to three people – my mother, my wife, and Tim Nugent. Today we honor T.J. for his determined, unselfish, belief that it's 'ability' that counts. His dedication and hard work has spread world-wide. My most emotional incident was a ride in a car Tim was 'driving'. I'll never forget it. There are two things Tim can't do. Drive and golf. We love you".*

John B. Early, '55 – *"In the early days of the Rehabilitation Program conditions were pretty 'Spartan'. (i.e. the Parade Ground Units) Tim worked his tail off trying to improve conditions and facilities. Win or lose, he always remained optimistic and it rubbed off on those around him."*

Marjorie Nelson Glossop, '58 – *"I always felt secure at College just knowing that Tim was 'around' and that he really cared about each one of us. He made a real difference in a wonderful way for many students at the U of I. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of 'Tim's Program'."*

Doris Sutton Groth, '54 – *"Tim Nugent deserves a 'Medal of Honor' for the Rehab Program at the U of I, especially in the early 50's when he was all things to all people. Can't thank him enough. An unforgettable experience was when he surprised us and came to Kankakee for our 25th wedding anniversary party (which was just a year before my husband died)."*

Tom Jones, '59 – *"Tim was a fighter and I like to think he has provided me with the same spirit and drive he has used to develop a program which has changed so many lives. Louise and I will never be able to do enough to repay Tim for what he has done for us. Every accomplishment we have made would not be possible if it had not been for the efforts of Tim Nugent. I just hope we live long enough to in some small way repay Tim and the University of Illinois Rehabilitation Education Program for what we have taken. . . Tim – we love you."*

Bruce McDaniel on first wheelchair basketball tour to include cheer leaders.

Bruce Aldendifer McDaniel, '55 – *"Tim's native enthusiasm has, is, and will always move mountains. He lives our lives beside us. Tim looked me straight in the eye, saying 'Bruce, you will never walk again,' the only person strong enough to speak truth to this post-polio. That day, I recommenced living, to the fullest degree, and experiencing the world in a wheelchair. Tim is dedicated to others, never placing himself first. How would this world be had this one man not moved those mountains for all of us!"*

Jane King Melin, '57 – *"I remember Tim at work in the early days in the PGU barracks, as Director, Physical Therapy, Counselor, and Friend. From Day One, he had a vision of what the total program should be and had the tenacity to carry it out. His confidence, optimism, and energy transferred to us through the ripple effect. That positive attitude and dedication to a goal left no room for negativity. I knew I had come to the right place at the right time. He didn't tell me what to do – it was up to me to figure that out. He didn't say it would be easy or that he would do it for me, but he left no doubt in my mind that I could do whatever I set out to do. How can I say thank you for a gift like that? I can send lots of love and good wishes for the best in what is still to come."*

Robert T. Kaloupek, '56 – *"Tim Nugent is a man willing to help everyone but is particularly dedicated to helping disabled persons become achievers. His guidance and subtle challenges enabled many of his charges to set and reach goals far beyond anyone's imagination."*

Director Tim Nugent *Photo by Leon Keller*

Marvin J. Lapicola, – *"I could not begin to put into words what best describes Tim Nugent. There is just no other person on this PLANET that could have accomplished what Tim has done for the Disabled. He always got the job done whether his methods were 'popular' or not. I'll always love him."*

In early 1953 on a semester Spring Break the Illinois Gizz Kids stayed overnight at the Coral Courts Motel in St. Louis. Tim stated to the boys 'absolutely no beer'. The next morning he barged into our room and literally waded through the world's largest Beer Can Collection ever assembled. Of course, we caught HELL for the remainder of the trip."

Glen Perkins, '56 – *"I've always had the highest respect for Tim and his dedication and commitment to rehabilitation. He fought hard to keep me in school after two semesters of pro. He guided me from accounting into art. My grades went from C's and D's to A's and B's. Through his efforts I was able to finish school and subsequently get a job.*

I can recall vividly the basketball trips to Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, Memphis, Grinnell et. al. when we used personal autos instead of the 'Blue Bull' or other forms of plush transportation.

Being one of the senior citizens on the trip I was 'picked' to ride with coach Nugent. There were no super highways then, only 2-laners, black-tops, gravel and dirt roads. Tim had a habit of conversing with his hands as he maneuvered his Ford over those roads. He mastered the art of conversation at 70 miles per hour. More than just a few times I threatened to leap from the car, wheelchair and all just to experience a less violent death.

But Tim always managed to get us there safe and sound. I sometimes wonder if he didn't use these tactics to arouse our temper on the basketball floor. It never worked. We were never able to beat the Rams, Jets, Pioneers or any unorganized exhibition joe for that matter.

I recall the time when our 'Blue Bull' caught fire just outside Grinnell, Iowa. Can you imagine the anguish of eight or ten paras, a couple of amps and Gib Fink? We managed to flag an auto transport and he towed us into Grinnell where the trouble was partially repaired.

Our bus troubles continued as we ventured on to St. Louis where we were to play the Jets later that evening. The facilities were converted from a swimming pool. We arrived late but the crowd was so busy mopping up water they hardly noticed. As I recall we won the game 21 to 20. (most of our games were real barn-burners)

Early Gizz Kids team & Coach, ready for a trip.

Then there was the time when we scheduled an exhibition game in my hometown Morocco, Indiana. The team was to meet at 5-points and load the bus there for the trip to leave at 5 p.m. We waited. 5:15, 5:30, 6:00. . . At 6:30 the bus still hadn't arrived so we piled into our cars and hightailed it some 85 miles to make the 7 p.m. game. We were an hour late but the fans were still waiting at 8:00.

We played to an enthusiastic crowd who seemed to appreciate our efforts to make the trip under such pressurized circumstances. As usual 'Bevo' Nugent was high-point man for the Morocco team having spotted them 75 of their 79 points. As I recall the score was rung up at 80 to 79.

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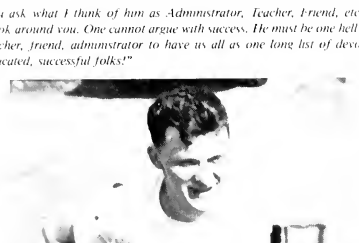
My serious recollection of Tim is of a man who paced the floor many nights worrying about where he would get enough money to pay for the trip, the hotel bills, the meals, the gas. My heart went out to him in his frustration as I lay in my bed next to him on those sleepless nights. He never knew my concern nor did he realize I was awake. He seemed so alone in his concerns for others. Those of us who shared these experiences will never forget the man who has made it all possible. Tim Nugent, a fantastic man among men."

Salo Rehban, '53 — *"As to Tim Nugent, I came to the U of I in 1950, directly from Hines V.A. Hospital, where I was a patient for a long time. I was full of fears about living outside the hospital. Tim helped me even more than he knew with his good humor, encouragement, and other support. I remember him with affection and respect.*

Ruth Rogers, '57 — *"I would describe Professor Nugent as a person having 'Tough Love' for the students. Sometimes he was tough on us, but only out of love and for our own good."*

Fred Springe, '54 — *"Like many others starting college as a handicapped, bewildered student, I was looking for something, someone to help me with a myriad of wants' needs. Tim fit every niche, answered every question, provided every solution. Tim believes in God, helps those who help themselves, that is, self-reliance, independence, and personal confidence are what counts. Tim provided the impetus, counsel and knowledge to make that come to pass. Later, we helped each other, a tenet that I carry with me to this day.*

You ask what I think of him as Administrator, Teacher, Friend, etc. — Look around you. One cannot argue with success. He must be one hell of a teacher, friend, administrator to have us all as one long list of devoted, educated, successful folks!"

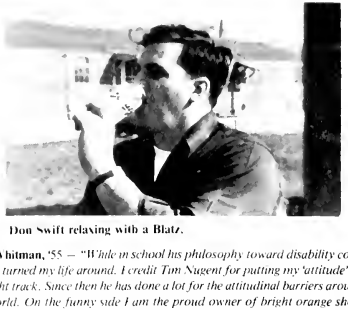


John Storer one of the Galesburg pioneers.

John Storer, '52 — *"I first joined Tim at Galesburg; was one of 14 to transfer to main campus and we were all on probation to see how we could manage, etc. As you know, it worked out fine! Quit in my senior year because I was offered a job with Chicago Park District and took it. Never regretted it as I had a perfect job for my working life. Retired at 55 after 23 years with Chicago Park District. All I wanted, wasn't necessarily an education, but a job I liked.*

About Tim: Tim took the job as keeper of the disabled students only temporarily at Galesburg and it led him into a brilliant career. Tim was made to order for his job and he, himself, was and has been the main architect and brains that has made the disabled student program work and outperform anyone's expectations. All of us disabled students owe Tim our respect, love and appreciation. GOD BLESS 'OUR TIM NUGENT!'"

Don Swift, '52 — *"I value the close friendship with 'Tim' and the many experiences we have shared. A memorable event was the 'march' to Springfield (undoubtedly one of the first) to help keep the program intact. There have been many others!"*



Don Swift relaxing with a Blatz.

Jack Whitman, '55 — *"While in school his philosophy toward disability completely turned my life around. I credit Tim Nugent for putting my 'attitude' on the right track. Since then he has done a lot for the attitudinal barriers around the world. On the funny side I am the proud owner of bright orange shoes that are worn to U of I football and basketball games. At one game T.J. told me he had a pair of shoes just like mine — but he couldn't walk in them. After a pregnant pause with a group of people hearing that statement by T.J., I said, 'Tim, I find it rather hard to walk in my orange shoes too. I'm crippled, you know.'"*

Paul R. Ahrens, '68 — *"Without Tim, gimps would probably still be 'in the closet' or something to be pitied. I, along with many others, owe a debt of gratitude to Tim that no amount of money could express. Thanks Tim."*

Alice Smith Coleman, '69 — *"Mr. Nugent has always impressed me foremost as a caring, interested human being, able to relate in a very personable manner with those of us who are in some way incapacitated. He relates in such a way that makes us feel like him — normal, healthy and interested in making the most of our lives."*

Ron Dugan, '64 — *"What impact did Tim Nugent have on my life you ask? I would have to recount to you every second of my life since April, 1960 when I first met Tim. I was at the U of I to apply for admission through the Rehab Program. From the first time I encountered him until this very day Tim has changed my life.*

His influence is not one of just years past when I was in college, but is dynamic and ongoing. To this day, I ask myself 'what would Tim Nugent think of — ?' Fill in the blank with any possible situation a handicapped person might encounter whether or not that situation is a possible obstacle to be dealt with or not.

If it weren't for Tim and the philosophy he made part of everything we did at the university, and beyond the university's scope, I would not be a contributing person into today's society.

In the days before Rehab Centers, a disabled person remained disabled. Tim changed all of that (nine years of polio and ignorance) for me and for countless others.

Our relationship wasn't always a honeymoon for me, but thank God Tim didn't quit on me.

Even though I hoped it would never happen, I knew he would retire one day. Do you young men and women at the university now really know what is going to be lost? The most committed, the most respected, the most rational advocate of the handicapped will no longer be there to inspire those who follow you.

Tim is going to be missed by many but forgotten by no one who has ever known him."

Anne Graver Edwards, '66 — *"My first memory of Tim was his telling a beginning class of students (at a picnic) "If I see any of you being pushed across campus, you're out of the program!" These words signified Tim's whole 'You can do' attitude, an attitude I grew to respect and appreciate."*

Bob Hutchins, '60 — *"It was a stifling hot summer day when I first arrived on the U of I campus to meet Tim Nugent. The year was 1958 and I did not know if I would be admitted to the university, or if I would be able to cope with the rigors of campus life. I did not yet know the things I could do despite my disability. That afternoon I waited in Tim's quanset office for nearly two hours, literally sweating it out, while he talked on the phone. Finally, taking the phone off his shoulder, he introduced himself and stuck*

out his hand. 'Squeeze my hand', he said. We shook hands and I squeezed. He smiled. 'You can make it', he said and I was thus admitted to the university, having passed Tim's physical.

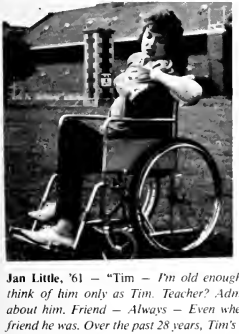
To measure the impact of Tim's influence on my life is impossible. That first meeting with him set in motion a sequence of events that changed the course of my life forever. I came to Illinois, earned a degree in journalism, and as a result of that became Editor of a daily newspaper in Indiana, working there 23 years, marrying a lovely woman, and for the past 2 years have been living the good life of retirement in Florida.

None of this would have happened without Tim's intercession, his reckless faith in human beings. Come to think of it, I never did properly express my thanks to him. But then a lot of other people probably didn't thank him. There have been so many."

Helen B. Jones, '61 – *"Both Perry and I agreed that we received our true 'rehabilitation' at the U of I. Being exposed to Tim Nugent and the Program at Illinois prepared us for life in terms of our independence. We learned a great deal from his 'tough', 'demanding', 'equalizing' manner. We were not over protected at the U of I and that is what we needed. We greatly respected and loved Tim. He made a lasting impact on our lives.*

Once while we were living in California, Tim came to visit us and stayed for dinner. He later found time in his busy schedule to write us a three-page thank you note. It would take many more than three pages to thank Tim Nugent for all he has done for us and for thousands of other persons with disabilities whose lives he has influenced."

Lynda L. Koopman, '62 – *"Tim is the finest educator, administrator and friend, all wrapped up in one, that I have ever known. I shall always be grateful for the opportunity he gave me to obtain a top notch college education and to grow personally through the wonderful associations with the Rehab Center and all its members. In my years on campus, I always knew that whatever challenge or problem I might encounter, Tim would be there with words of encouragement and advice."*



Jan Little getting ready to heave the shot put.

Jan Little, '61 – "Tim – *I'm old enough and battle-scarred enough to think of him only as Tim. Teacher? Administrator? Never noticed that about him. Friend – Always – Even when I couldn't appreciate what a friend he was. Over the past 28 years, Tim's been – a friend, an enemy – a good guy, a bad guy – a source of extreme irritation and a source of comfort and support. Even though he's all Heart and he became deeply, personally involved with all his 'kids', he had the wisdom to antagonize just enough to force us to strive for our real potential. It took me 20 years to realize that by defying Tim and doing my 'own thing', I was probably doing what Tim hoped I'd do.*

Memories – The Tar-Paper Shacks – Bill DeLoach's marvelous 'my chair lady' (roasting Tim and staff) – early Gizz Kid trips – the Blue Bulls (buses) – Chuck Elmer always getting stuck with the Cheer Leaders – Dr. Echo Dell Pepper – Staff Meetings at the Rehab Center – Functional Training Week when I got Evelyn up at 4:30 a.m. to catch the 8:30 a.m. bus – NWBA tourneys at Chanute, 'where do we get enough money to get the team back from wherever' – battles with Tim even after I'd been gone from U of I for years – lovely reunions with Tim.

But the best of all is that as I work in Rehab as it is today, I can say that I was one of Tim's early 'kids.' What those around me think are new ideas – accessibility – wheelchair sports – independent living – quality of life – integration of those with a physical difference – aren't new. The guy who

Staff "roasting" students at one of student/staff parties. L-R: Tony Disello, Carol Hackstadt, Tim Nugent.

started it all (even though he rarely gets the credit) is a very, very special friend and influence on my life – Tim Nugent."

Dr. Irene Osthoff, '61 – *"I was so impressed with Tim's intense devotion to his 'kids'. He seemed a bully at first, but later I witnessed all his support behind the scenes, much more than many of us dreamed. He* dared – *when it wasn't fashionable to do so. He* dreamed – *and made it come true, for so many of us. He ought to be added to the Altgeld statue trio!"*

Roger D. Robinson, '61 – *"It's been many years since my first meeting with Tim in September 1957. His impact on the lives of those handicapped students attending the U of I is well documented. Tim's impact on me has not been because I am handicapped but rather a person. Professor Nugent taught me to never give up. We have all encountered obstacles that would have been easier to detour around rather than climb over, but Tim taught us to* defeat *the obstacles rather than submit to them. He taught us to satisfy* ourselves; *not others. We must have the* inner *drive to care about whether we fail or succeed, even if others do not.*

Many times during the last 28 years when I run into a situation where it would be easier to retreat than fight, I heard Tim's whisper to me 'The only one who cares, is you!'"

Bette Jane Henlein Salem, '62 – *"There are three important men in my life; my dad, who gave me life, love, and some degree of prosperity; my husband Mahmoud, who gives me life, security and is father to our children; and Tim, who made life (not just existence) after the age of 17, a reality for me. He provided the arena for my maturing into a young adult, and the guidance often needed along life's difficult paths. My dad died when I was very young, so when I married after college I asked Tim to give me away. He accepted, but I walked down the aisle alone. Rehab business had called him to Chicago at the last minute.*

Once as I was changing planes in O'Hare airport on my way back to the U of I a fellow passenger waiting to board Ozark asked 'are you one of Nugent's girls?' It was a reputation to live up to and an opportunity for which I shall always be thankful."

Tom Tully, '60 – *"I had the great pleasure 'although I didn't think it so at the time', of introducing Tim to his bride-to-be, Jeanette. She married him in spite of his sullied youth (born in Milwaukee, attended Rufus King High School). To tell what impact Tim Nugent had on my life would require considerable amount of text, but to be concise, he taught me to have dignity within myself."*

Charles E. Whitman, '62 – *"Tim Nugent looked at the possibilities for handicapped people and said 'why not do it' rather than 'it's not possible'. He helped me turn a disaster in my life to a victory!"*

Sharon Wilkin, '63 – *"Tim is a man who had great vision back in the 50's when he saw that disabled people were being denied opportunity for college/university education. What is taken for granted today was unheard of before Tim embarked on a project which today is the Rehabilitation Education Center at the University of Illinois. I am one among many who believe that we owe so much to Tim Nugent. How many of us would be at home with parents or in institutions if Tim had not believed in us, made others believe in us, and made us believe in ourselves. Today we have good jobs, own homes, have families and are counted in the statistics of the most successful citizens of the United States. Did you realize that disabled graduates of the University of Illinois are referred to in many places as the 'cream of the crop' or the elite of disabled people? Tim instilled in us a fierce sense of independence, success, and pride.*

You asked for funny anecdotes. Is it funny to look back at spending three hours in 90 degree heat with no air conditioning learning how to transfer on and off a toilet? Getting up at 5 a.m. to make a 9 a.m. class? Falling out of a wheelchair in a busy street intersection? Spending six semesters of one hour, three times a week, physical therapy sessions on the mat, learning to get back into a wheelchair? Freezing half to death in those midwest winters? Having chronically aching arms because of steep ramps, the long distances? Funny, no! But this is what made some of us what we are. INDEPENDENT, SUCCESSFUL, and PROUD. For this, there are no words to express our thanks and appreciation to Tim Nugent. Tim knows what has become of many of us. I believe our accomplishments are Tim's rewards.

Congratulations, Tim, for a singularly great contribution to improving the quality of life for disabled people and for making possible 'the impossible dream'."

Randolph Axt, Class of '72, B.S. Education Social Studies.

Randolph Axt, '72 – *"My most emotionally moving incident which I experienced with Professor Nugent was when he told me and my family that I had been accepted as a student at the University. I don't believe I realized the tremendous accomplishments of Professor Nugent until after I left the University, because the world (the part of the world which has yet to be touched by Professor Nugent) is less accessible than those parts which have felt the impact of Professor Nugent's life. One of my former sociology professors at the University, Professor William Jenne, told me that Professor Nugent either came close to getting into fist fights or actually got into fights with people at the University as he sought to get the program established. After I left the University, I kept in touch with Mr. Nugent, either by letter or by phone. I learned from Mr. Ray Doane that Mr. Nugent and he had attended then LaCrosse State University in 1942. Mr. Nugent also called my Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation office if there were any problems regarding finances, and the problems were resolved!"*

Tom Brown, one of the UI Gizz Kids record breaking athletes.

Tom R. Brown, '71 – *"Tim has been a guiding light through my years at Illinois. We have had good times, as well as hard, and through it all I can always say that Tim was and is my friend. For that I am grateful."*

David Buse, '73 – *"From the very first time he spoke to me at Orientation Week which caused a tremendous amount of emotion and confidence to stir within me, I knew I could become independent."*

David B. Collins, '79 – *"I can honestly say he was all of those things, a teacher, administrator, friend and even more – a strong, sincere, yet gentle and fair role model. He never questioned whether or not I could succeed, but did stand up for me and behind me – starting in August '77 and going through orientation week – then hospitalized at Carle and Mercy Hospital for the first semester – but he never questioned my ability! I'm really proud to be considered his friend."*

Shadi S. Dabit, '77 – *"He changed my life and 'gave' me a future. He always taught us that it is ability not disability that counts. And history has proven he's correct. I sometimes look at myself and my achievements, and realize that it is 'TI' that made my impossible dream come true."*

Robert Drew, '71 – *"Tim is the type of dynamic man who frequently receives criticism from friend and foe alike. He possesses a self-assured personality that radiates intelligence, impatience, enthusiasm and a confidence that borderlines on arrogance. All the qualities needed to institute a program that would change the lives of thousands of physically limited people around the world. I remember clearly the meager beginnings when a forceful bluff and an inflated ego were all that caused progress to occur. Tim came to the U of I at a time when the top administration were reluctant to have disabled people on campus for fear they would 'depress the able-bodied students'.*
He is a ball of fire that can kindle within one both praise and anger with equal ease. A bullish force that would as soon go through an obstacle or over it, a pioneer who gave many an opportunity *to succeed and the* pride *to try."*

Ernie & Mary Pat Hodge, '72 – *"As a leader and administrator, Tim Nugent, laid the foundation which disabled students could strive for success and succeed. His emphasis on independence resulted in hundreds of disabled students establishing standards which other disabled individuals could follow. We'll always remember when he took 25 disabled students to Hawaii to* show off *for the lady he would eventually marry, Jeanette."*

Sandra Peer Kubbs, '71 – *"Tim repeatedly confronted me with challenging situations, questions, which made me mad and forced me to attack or retreat and always – Grow-Grow-Grow."*

Larry Labiak at the '83 National Wheelchair Games in Honolulu.
Photo by Rene' Keres

Larry Labiak, '76 – *"Tim has caused me as many headaches as I have caused him! The actual number will never be known, because we stopped counting years ago."*

Charles Linster, '73 – *"To a student at the University of Illinois, I saw very little of Professor Nugent. He was blazing new trails in the field of rehabilitation. It's a good thing he blazed those trails because it made possible my obtaining an education at one of the finest institutions of higher education in the world. I've followed Professor Nugent in the field of rehabilitation and that's when he became 'Tim' to me.*

Tim was always ready to help me when he could. He agreed to be the keynote speaker at an Equal Employment Opportunity Conference I arranged for in Chicago. On the day of the conference a fire had knocked out the elevator. With his vast knowledge of how to overcome such disasters, Tim assisted me and one of my speakers, who was always confined to a wheelchair, up and down an escalator. Several World War II pilots made the claim that 'God is my Co-Pilot', but on that day Tim Nugent was mine."

Miles O'Loughlin, '70 – *"I was not close to Tim Nugent during my years at the U of I. My admiration for the contributions he made to acceptance of the disabled by the general populace and vice versa, however, was and still is, boundless.*

Marilyn Schmalz, Class of '70.

My recollections of Tim Nugent are of unceasing energy directed toward the goals he cherished. Tim was, and is, larger than life to me, and frankly, I have always been a little in awe of him.

Tim Nugent made normalcy possible in my life, and in the lives of thousands of disabled individuals. His efforts resulted in our getting an even chance in life — not an advantage, just an even chance. We were able to attend a university of the first rank without facing the barriers which existed at similar institutions, and were exposed to an attitude — many of us for the first time — that we were just people, as good or as bad as anyone else.

Because I was and am in awe of Tim Nugent, I never properly expressed my gratitude to him for his Herculean efforts on behalf of the disabled. On this, the occasion of his retirement, I want to belatedly say thanks, Tim, and may the future smile upon you."

Eugene Plante, '74 — *"He is and always will be one of the most caring and perceptual individuals in the educational system, whose knack for knowing what it takes to get you going is only exceeded by his willingness to help you find it."*

Marilyn Rogers, '75 — *"I was one of two students who remained 'questionable' throughout functional training week. The tension built as he announced the verdict at that Pancake House we always ate at. When he said, I could stay, I cried all over my 'Silver Dollar' pancakes. But I lived to regret it because he's been telling the world it took me 40 minutes to get up a ramp and two hours to get out of bed, ever since that day in 1970!"*

Mike Makeever entertains at the 1982 DSO Awards Banquet.
Photo by John Tuohy

Marilyn Schmalz, '70 — *"A real character! Used to be rather hard-nosed, but with firm purpose and excellent far-sightedness in terms of assessment of needs of the disabled. Progressive, energetic, and practical.*
The education I got at UI (esp. personal as opposed to academic) and later has made possible for me a quality of life and level of independence seldom seen among congenitally disabled people 'particularly in the south'! I am very grateful for this, and hope my advantages may benefit others!"

James F. Williams, '78 — *"I remember Tim as an energetic man always on top of whatever was happening. I, on a number of occasions, was present at the Center when visiting officials would tour the Center. He was as proud of us as he was of the Center."*

Michael Makeever, '83 — *"Tim is undoubtedly one of the most caring, dedicated, and unselfish persons ever to have walked the face of this earth. His tireless, unceasing efforts toward expanding opportunities and improving living conditions for the disabled in America have resulted in a better, happier life for all of us, whether we have known Tim closely or from a distance. I am personally appreciative of the invitation I received to play basketball with the Gizz Kids for four years at Illinois. Each of us has been given some opportunity to become involved with an activity or activities which would never have existed were it not for the work of the wonderful human being named Tim Nugent. For this, Tim, we say 'thank you'."*

Dan Robinson, '81 — *"Perhaps the most helpful thing Tim ever did for me took place before we ever met. He insisted I become independent in certain areas (emptying leg bag) before starting at the U of I."*

The Editorial Board regrets that they could not publish all contributions. The responses were overwhelming. We have done the best in selecting a variety of repsonses representing the time span of the program.

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THE "IMPOSSIBLE" DREAM

They said it couldn't be done but – these individuals proved the "Impossible," POSSIBLE! A physically disabled physician? A severe athetoid spastic cerebral palsied attorney? A paraplegic television announcer and sportscaster?

TOM JONES became a T-6 paraplegic due to an accident at age 6. He received his B.S. degree in Journalism in 1959 and his M.S. degree in Television in 1971.

During his college years Tom was active in DSO, a member of the Gizz Kids, the Blues wheelchair football team, DSO softball team and Sigma Delta Chi (Journalism Honorary). He received the Harold Scharper Service Award in 1962 and the Achievement Award in 1969. In 1970, he received the "Rehabilitant of Half-Century" Award from the Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

He was one of the individuals selected to go on the South African tour and has served on the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, appointed to be the C-U community liaison to the U.S. Council for the IYDP. He was recently named Media Director of the State of Illinois Prairie State Games.

He shares the following with our readers – "When I started in radio broadcasting back in 1953, there were many barriers to overcome. Most of the stations were inacessible to persons in wheelchairs. Most station managers were reluctant to hire a disabled employee. And, most high school advisors urged me not to train myself for an industry that offered so few opportunities to the disabled. Unfortunately, many of these barriers still exist in the 1980's. However, I was one of the lucky ones.

When I first went to work for WCIA television in Champaign. . . that was in the middle of my sophomore year at the U of I in 1957. . . the station management refused to allow me to appear on camera in my wheelchair. They felt my wheelchair would make viewers uncomfortable. So, each time I made an on-camera appearance, I transferred to a regular studio chair. It took about six or seven years for management to allow me to appear in my wheelchair. I worked nineteen and one-half years at WCIA and we never received one viewer complaint because of my chair.

These kinds of management views are not uncommon, unfortunately. In the early 1970's while writing a thesis as part of my M.S. degree, I surveyed more than six hundred

Tom Jones, T.V. sportscaster and Tim Nugent, Color Commentator for the Silver Anniversary National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

C. Benjamin Graham as Captain of the Gizz Kids & Coach Tim Nugent way back in the 50's.

radio and television stations in the United States to find out how many opportunities were available to the disabled. It was sad to learn that most management people who replied had never hired a disabled person and would not even consider such a person for a job in their station. They had the same attitude those high school advisors did back in the 1950's. . . broadcasting is too tough a job for a disabled individual. I have proven this is just not so and I hope any of you young people who are considering a career in broadcasting will stick to your guns.

For the past eleven years I have been the Director of Broadcast Services for the University of Illinois Office of Public Affairs. The job involves day-to-day contact with the electronic media and some traveling around Illinois and to the major media centers in the United States. This is just one type of job available to persons who are properly trained in the field of radio and television broadcasting. There are many more.

The opportunities I received here at the University of Illinois were vital as I moved along in my broadcasting career. However, the pitfalls waiting in the 'real' world are many. It is up to you to overcome those pitfalls if you hope to succeed. Don't let others tell you your goals are not attainable. Get your education and go for it."

TOM JONES, DIRECTOR OF BROADCAST SERVICES

Physically disabled physicians? Believe it or not, one of our alumni has been a physician since 1958! **C. BENJAMIN GRAHAM, M.D.**, who was confined to a wheelchair, due to polio in 1949, received his B.A. degree in Chemistry in 1954 and his M.D. from U. of Washington in 1958. Ben was the first wheelchair student to be accepted as a beginning student in any medical school.

Ben states – "I was one of Tim's first University of Illinois wheelchair bound students. Without the benefit of his ability, energy, and foresight, I would not be what and where I am today. The same is true for millions of others world wide, disabled or not, who have been influenced directly or indirectly by this man's mammoth accomplishments."

During his college years, Ben was active in DSO, Captain of the Gizz Kids, on the White's wheelchair football team and pitcher on the DSO softball team. He was a member of Omega Beta Pi (pre-med scholastic honorary), Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Chi Med Fraternity and Alpha Omega Alpha.

He received the Harold Scharper Achievement Award in 1954, the National Foundation Research Fellowship in 1956, Mosby Scholarship Award from U. of Washington in 1958, Advance Fellowship in Academic Radiology, James Pick Foundation in 1962-64, plus numerous others. In 1978, he was inducted into the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's (NWBA) Hall of Fame.

Ben served as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Wheelchair Athletic Association, as Advisor to NWBA Northwest Conference, as President of the Pacific Coast Pediatric Radiology Association and elected to the Board of Directors of the Society for Pediatric Radiology. Ben is currently Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics at University of Washington and Director of Radiology, Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle.

LINDA MARTINDALE FAY, a T 10-11 paraplegic, due to an automobile accident states – "Dr. Nugent opened new horizons for me because I had no idea that I could be independent and live outside an institution. He also encouraged and supported me in my decision to apply to medical school at age 28!" She returned to school 8 years after leaving the University of Illinois and giving birth to son Derick, who is now 17 years old, and graduated from the University of Massachusetts receiving the John F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence. She was the first person in a wheelchair to be accepted at Harvard Medical School and the first woman paraplegic to graduate from Harvard Medical School in 1983! She is a member of the Academy of Family Medicine and the American Society of Handicapped Physicians. She is currently working as a Family Practice Resident at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC.

Others have blazed a trail in medicine. There is **DR. KENNETH VISTE, JR., NEUROLOGIST; DR. JUDITH PACHIARZ** and **DR. JOHN HOLLIMAN, PATHOLOGISTS** and others.

As **ROBERT ARHELGER** said – "Tim's faith in me and the demands he imposed upon me, especially during those first few weeks at the U of I, gave me the encouragement and assurance that I could lead a full, productive and independent life." Bob is a severe athetoid spastic cerebral palsied individual who travels in a wheelchair. He shares the following with you – "During my October, 1960 interview with Tim Nugent, I stated my goal was to become an attorney. It did seem like an 'Impossible Dream.' Tim's smile and nod indicatd that it wasn't impossible. Because of the experience, training, and testing I had under him I was able to graduate with honors in 1965 and go on to receive my law degree at Stanford in 1968.

Robert M. Arhelger, Attorney at Law

Law has proven to be a most rewarding career. It is always challenging and gives me the opportunity to help others. Although I was initially disappointed at not being asked to join a private firm, I'm very happy to be working as a Senior Counsel for the State of California.

I do a variety of work – legislation, regulations, opinions and special projects dealing with the laws regulating securities, franchises, health plans and credit unions. I have served as liaison for the Commissioner of Corporations and ghosted speeches for several of our commissioners. The most rewarding aspect of my job is the contact I have with attorneys across the country who phone me for help in interpreting California law.

My congratulations and best wishes to Tim Nugent who helped make that 1960 'Impossible Dream' a reality."
ROBERT M. ARHELGER, ATTORNEY AT LAW

The Moore Family – Judd, Dick, Karen & Evie.

EVELYN MULRY MOORE, a C-5-6 quadriplegic, due to an automobile accident states that when she first applied to the U of I she was not qualified physically or academically so went home, took correspondence courses and tried to learn to do more for herself. When she was accepted at the U of I, she states that she was not functional – "I had to get up at 4 a.m. to be ready to catch the 8:25 a.m. bus and missed it more often than not. Now I get up at 7 a.m., take a shower, wash my hair, curl it, get dressed, get my son up and off to school and am out of the house by 8 a.m. I have really become quite organized in order to balance working, keeping the house cleaned and the family content."

Evie never gave up. She graduated with honors in 1969 with a B.A. in Sociology. She states, "I was real fortunate in getting a job. I wanted to take the summer off but decided to start looking anyway. I went on my first interview in August and was hired for the position to begin September 1. All this was in 1969 and I am still with the same employer. My boss has always been very opened-minded towards the disabled. He will rearrange furniture or restructure a job to accommodate a disability whenever possible. I have been very fortunate to rapidly move up the ladder. I want from Case Worker I in 1969 to Case Worker II in 1970 with time

off in between for the birth of my son. I became a Supervisor in 1972 and achieved my current position of Assistant Administrator in 1980. Through my entire career my boss has been very supportive and encouraging.

The only advice I really have to give whether it be a career or personal life is – don't be a 'what if' person – be optimistic and live each day to the fullest extent possible."

EVELYN M. MOORE, ASSISTANT LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR AND OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RECOVERY COORDINATOR.

Frederick A. Fay, Ph.D., Psychologist/Researcher

In 1962, **FREDERICK A. FAY,** an honor student and star high school athlete, fractured his neck in a gymnastic accident and became a quadriplegic at the C-5 level. At the U of I he became totally independent in self-care and mobility and received his B.S. (Psychology) 1967; M.S. (Counseling Psychology) 1971; Ph.D. (Educational Psychology) 1972.

While at the U of I, he received the Harold Scharper Service Award in 1965, served as DSO's Architectural Barriers Committee Chairman, Vice President of Snyder Residence Hall I, member of Judicial Board, Manager of the Gizz Kids, on the Blues wheelchair football team and was an announcer on WLRW-FM station. In 1970, he received the Harold Scharper Achievement Award.

Fred worked as a Rehabilitation Psychologist and then became Director of Research at Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA. He Co-Founded the Boston Center for Independent Living with the "Role Model" of the Greenbrier-Tanbrier concept in mind. He also founded the consumer-oriented American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities and made numerous breakthroughs in perpetrating needed legislation.

In 1978 Fred Fay, Ph.D., was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America by the United States Jaycees.

JAMES R. CONLEY, JR. discovered in 1966 that he had Charcot-Marie Tooth disease. That did not deter him. He graduated with highest honors in 1976 with a B.S. in Accountancy and received his C.P.A. certificate shortly after that. He then graduated in 1979 in Law with a J.D. degree.

Jim is currently engaged in the private practice of law in a small southern Illinois community, and states – "I engage in everything from the intracacies of Oil and Gas Securities problems to the defense of criminal cases. A few miles from our home, my wife (Cindy, who is also a C.P.A.) and I also have a separate C.P.A. office to which my personal contribution is minimal. She is the real workhorse when it comes to tax and accounting matters, and thank God for that because numbers bore me. On the other hand, I am certain that some of my criminal clients nauseate her, so it is indeed an interesting life.

We are both quite active in the community, she is President of Business and Professional Women's Club and I am President of the Carmi Rotary Club and a member of the Enfield Lion's Club, each of which will be co-sponsoring a wheelchair basketball game in Carmi on Saturday, April 27, 1985, featuring the Gizz Kids. We are looking forward to that date and hope that it is as enjoyable as our game last year. We also look forward to the September reunion honoring Professor Nugent upon his retirement."

JAMES R. CONLEY, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW, C.P.A.

Charles "Chuck" Chapman, '55, B.S., Journalism, summarizes the spirit of our pioneers under Tim Nugent's leadershp with the following –

"What manner of man is this who would sacrifice his time – and himself – toward helping those seemingly beyond help? He's a man who sees that each of us can go far beyond those limits that physical disability challenges us with; he's one who patiently nurtures within each a sense of 'can-do' spirit and now we 'do-do'!"

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THE GREENBRIER, TANBRIER, BECKWITH CONCEPT

Where it began. . .

by Linda Mastandrea and Mike Pallis

"Impossible!" Many years ago, this was the first thought to spring to mind when the subject of admitting students to the University so profoundly disabled that they needed assistance in almost all aspects of daily living or relied on respiratory support devices.

Fortunately for those students, a few people did not let these problems or existing negative attitudes stand in their way — Tim Nugent and Durward Judy, especially.

These students were all more than academically qualified for school, but could not make it through Functional Training Week, otherwise known as "Hell Week." What this meant was that they could not independently function in the dorms and needed some attendant care. So Professor Nugent began to make arrangements with Mr. Judy, who had just opened Greenbrier, a new nursing home in southwest Champaign in 1962. It was not fully occupied and one wing was completely vacant at the time, so it was agreed that Jon Wilkin, Kerry Bamond, Tom Walters and another student could stay there. Don Grazier, who was a potential student, was also allowed to move in. Tom Hancock joined the group during the 1963 school year. Tom said it worked very well but, because it was filled with older people, the atmosphere was rather depressing.

Greenbrier was definitely not a typical student environment. Since it was so far off campus it was difficult for the residents to be socially involved, which many of them felt was a drawback.

By 1964, there was a waiting list of patients for the nursing home. It was time to move on. It was realized that if they pooled their money together, there would be enough to rent a fairly big place and they could exchange the space they didn't need for the assistance they did need. But where? Tim Nugent and Gib Fink provided an answer. Gib Fink was the Supervisor of Occupational Therapy at the Rehab Center then. He had a house on campus that he was renting out, and he agreed to make it accessible for the students. It was not quite ready for occupancy that fall, but the students moved in anyway. The shower had a floor, no walls and the bathrooms had no sinks. None of this mattered much, though. They had a home! As Tom Hancock said, "Tanbrier was never an inspiring sight, when I drove up with my parents. . . the first time I had ever seen the place — it looked positively disreputable. The outside was covered with peeling white paint and partly tan which gave rise to the name." This name was suggested by Gib as a joke (Greenbrier — Tanbrier), but somehow the name stuck.

The concept of Tanbrier was to have the residents experience total responsibility for the managing of the house. Tanbrier was quite a challenge for these students. For this first group, it didn't matter that the house was a mess or that it was old and shabby. As Dan Bryant says, "The Tanbrier experience afforded me an excellent opportunity to make a gradual transition from total family dependence. . . to communal and ultimately independent living while at the same time providing an excellent educational opportunity."

As Carl Launius, a Tanbrier resident from 1967-70 put it "to remember Tanbrier is not to remember the house itself, that sleazy white elephant with 'bars' on the windows, but everything that went on inside."

There were four of them in the beginning and then in 1967 Wes Queypo flew in from a remote region of the Island of Hawaii and made the fifth. Each different, but all fitting together like pieces to a puzzle. To quote Carl Launius, "The Five Musketeers, you could say: It was all for one and one for all in that up-tight metaphysical shell game called school. We were inseparable — eating together, sleeping together (in separate beds, of course), and just plain grooving in on each other's good vibes, high on life. Every morning was a new day, and we started it together lined up on the sidewalk like little metal ducks in a carnival arcade, waiting for the bus. We often sang a song we'd written about our favorite bus driver:

TO FERGIE

Who will go drive with Fergie now,
And pierce the deep wood's woven shade,
And dance upon the level shore?
Young man, lift up your russet brow,
And no more turn aside and brood
Upon Love's bitter mystery;
For Fergie rules the brazen buses,
He drives and drives, and never fusses.

Ah, life — those were the days. Even now in the toothfairy hours of sleep I can see them. First, always, there was

Tanbrier. . . that sleezy white elephant called "home."

Life at the Beckwith Living Center. . . "comparable to that of a luxury resort." *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

Tom Hancock, the philosopher, learned as Socrates and gentle as Spinoza, beaming beautifically as was his wont in his unrelenting search for truth and beauty: 'the only stuff you gotta know,' he used to say. There was Dan Bryant, the economy-minded barrister, the paragon of discipline beneath his green accountant's visor. There was George Stupp, the electrical whiz kid, forever tinkering with gadgets just like Orr in *Catch-22,* his favorite character. There was Queypo, the inscrutible Hawaiian, perfecting his artist's craft even as he struggled valiantly with the complexities of the English language. Then there was your humble narrator, fresh off the farm and head in the clouds, courting the Muse like a stage-door Johnny."

On the subject of their aides, Carl Launius says, "To others they were screwed up middle-class college students, but to us they were Ma and Pa Kettle, and we were their kids." Without these "screwed up students" Tanbrier would have still been the "impossible dream" everyone thought it was.

There was a real sense of family among the Tanbrier "pioneers." They had taken an idea and turned it into reality, and this shared experience would forge long lasting bonds. Unfortunately, just as Hancock predicted, Tanbrier did slowly lose its *spirit* as he described it. The house itself started to deteriorate as the residents let it go. Also the ambitiousness of the later students and staff could not compare to the original group.

Dan Robinson entered the U of I in the fall of 1979 as a Junior. Originally from Massachusetts, he found the move to Illinois a difficult one. Living at Tanbrier did not make it any easier for him, either. In spite of the problems, he admits that living at Tanbrier did help him become more independent. "I learned to wash my own hair, dispense my own pills, and pick things up off the floor."

During the time Robinson was at Tanbrier, Beckwith came along. Robinson, for one, was glad. "Life at Beckwith was comparable to that of a luxury resort. Willing attendants, a maid, computers. . . and 20 women right next door (neighbors)!"

The Beckwith Living Center was a complete switch from Tanbrier, in that it was brand new and made for the express purpose of housing severely and profoundly disabled students. There were also more than just the original five, so a larger place with more staff was a definite need.

Vinnie Integlia, a student who now lives at Beckwith says, "I believe Beckwith has provided me a creative atmosphere in which I have gained independence while discovering certain hidden abilities." While he experiences the pressure of being far from home (Rhode Island) and family, Vinnie has found Beckwith to be a "course on the art of living and surviving." Through the program, he, like the others, has become more independent and found he is able to do things that he never thought possible. Hancock describes the Greenbrier, Tanbrier, Beckwith concept best when he said that the experience served — "a transitional stage, it gave me the confidence that I could live even though I was not physically independent. And Tanbrier provided the scheme for organizing such a life. In fact, I still arrange for the care I require in essentially the same way we did at Tanbrier."

And that is the whole idea behind Greenbrier, Tanbrier, and Beckwith. Taking an "impossible dream" . the idea that severely disabled individuals could attend a university and participate in life on every level, social as well as academic — and making it happen. Because of the dedication of a few people, and the willingness of the first group of students to try out a new idea, future students will be able to make their own "impossible dreams" come true.

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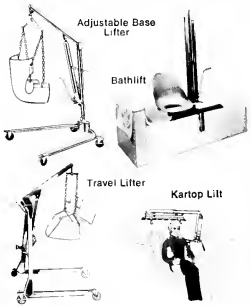

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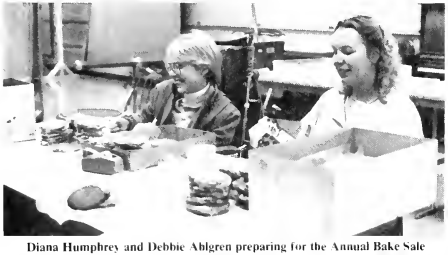
The Annual Delta Sigma Omicron Disabled Children's Christmas Party gets bigger and better each passing year. *Photo by John Dixon*



Diana Humphrey and Debbie Ahlgren preparing for the Annual Bake Sale Project. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

Relaxing and meeting new and old friends at the New Student Picnic. *Photo by J. S. Nugent*

Brian Giessing and Peter Garceau playing Jarts at the DAV Springfield Picnic.

ACTIVITIES

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Brian Giessing, Treasurer

Dear Friends, Alumni and members of Delta Sigma Omicron:

This past year has been a most rewarding and enriching one for me as President of Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO). The traditional activities like the Disabled Children's Christmas Party, DSO Awards Banquet and Wheel-A-Thon have been a great success. In addition, our first attempt at a Cut-A-Thon was very successful.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the Executive Board who were a great source of input and help to me and, most of all, to their dedication to the cause of DSO. I would also like to express my thanks to the Alumni for their enduring support of DSO.

My gratitude and appreciation go to Dr. Tim Nugent for his 37 years of service to the disabled and to dedicate this issue of SIGMA SIGNS to him. He has helped to ensure that our dreams would not be impossible.

May I also say that my involvement with DSO is something that will be with me for a lifetime. I will be a much better person because of the people and the experiences of my time with DSO.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Dover

President

Joe Gerardi, Alumni Secretary

Vivian Vahling, Executive-at-Large

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DSO 35th Annual Awards Banquet

by Vinnie Integlia

The rainy October night outside the Midwest Ballroom's Chancellor Hotel was a sharp contrast to the events that would take place at Delta Sigma Omicron's 35th Annual Awards Banquet.

There were many distinguished guests present: Raymond Cheever, Publisher and Editor of *Accent on Living;* Ben Crackel, the Public Affairs Manager of the News Gazette; Dr. Thomas D. Everhart, the University's new Chancellor; Robert Herron, Dean of the College of Applied Life Studies; Council member Bill Fierke and many more.

After Reverend Lundy Savage gave the invocation, dinner was served. The evening's menu included a fruit medley and an interesting version of breaded veal cutlet parmesan. Also featured was a tossed salad, buttered egg noodles, California blend vegetables, rolls, and a delicious chocolate mousse.

President Bob Dover welcomed the guests on behalf of Delta Sigma Omicron and introduced Dale Prochaska, the Awards Chairman, who proceeded to give the criteria necessary for the Timothy J. Nugent Award. Recipients were judged by their peers on personal integrity, human dignity, intellectual endeavor, pride in self, and concern for others.

Bob Dover presented the first award to Dawn Bragg and a second T. J. Nugent Award was presented this year to Beckwith's own Diana Humphrey by Dale Prochaska.

The presentations were followed by very entertaining performers. Vivian Vahling, a freshman enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, sang a very interesting version of "Leaving on a Jet Plane" while accompanying herself on the guitar.

"The Silent Minstrals," composed of Bob Dover, Karen Wold, Diana Humphrey, Debbie Ahlgren and Marie Figoni, all U of I students who have taken Marie Figoni's course in American Sign Language, signed their version of "I Can See Clearly Now."

The Harold Scharper Service Award was then presented to Peter A. Garceau and the Harold Scharper Achievement Awards were presented to John Holliman M.D. and William Richard Shanahan. You will be able to read more about all of our award recipients in the following pages.

Dale Prochaska, Awards Chairman, and his date, Kathleen Soupkup.
Photo by J.S. Nugent

The evening was highlighted by an emotional closing comment given by Dr. Timothy J. Nugent. For the first time publicly, he announced his retirement after 37 years of devoted service to the U of I and as Director of the Rehabilitation Education Center. He recognized many noted members of his staff as well as his wife, Jeanette Nugent, while also attributing many achievements to his "great support staff."

The eventful evening closed on a historically spiritual note as everyone sang the finale, "Hail to the Orange." This 35th DSO Banquet was said to be among the best banquets held in recent years.

"The Silent Minstrals" L--R – Karen Wold, Diana Humphrey, Debbie Ahlgren, Marie Figoni. Missing from photo – Bob Dover.

Jann Floyd adjusts the mike as Vivian Vahling begins her rendition of "Leaving on a Jet Plane." *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

THE HAROLD SCHARPER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Harold Scharper Achievement Award is presented each year to the graduating senior or alumnus who has exhibited the greatest achievements, academically, physically, socially, in extracurricular functions and in professional endeavor during the recipient's schooling at the University of Illinois or upon the completion of schooling. The individual selected for this award will receive for permanent keeping a fitting desk or wall plaque which can be proudly displayed in the recipients home, office, or place of business. The recipient's name will also be inscribed on the beautiful Harold Scharper Achievement Plaque which hangs in the University's Rehabilitation Education Center. This large plaque will be maintained indefinitely with the name of each year's award winner being inscribed upon it. It is the highest recognition that the University of Illinois and Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated, can bestow upon one of its physically disabled students. It is indeed an honor to the recipients and a great example to the many students who will follow in years to come.

Dr. John Gapsis, Chief Medical Consultant for the Rehab Education Center, presents Dr. John Holliman (L) with the Harold Scharper Achievement Award. *Photo by F.D. Maglione*

1984

John H. Holliman, M.D.

John graduated from the University of Illinois with a baccalaureate degree in 1971. His cumulative grade point average in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Premedicine (Physiology) curriculum, was 4.46 (A = 5), which earned him Honors Day recognition. He received his M.D. degree from the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma in 1975.

Dr. Holliman is Director of Necropsy Services at Oklahoma Memorial Hospital which includes directing and supervising Autopsy Services along with his regular service responsibilities in Surgical Pathology. Additionally, he serves as Assistant Professor of Pathology in the College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma, devoting considerable time to teaching in both Allied Health and Pharmacy. Last year he was appointed Director of the Systemic Pathology Course taught to second year medical students. He also has staff appointments with the Oklahoma Children's Memorial Hospital and the Don H. O'Donoghue Rehabilitation Center in Oklahoma City.

Though John has a busy schedule, he still manages to lecture on a variety of subjects, e.g. Breast Pathology, CNS Pathology, Arteriosclerosis, Fluids and Electrolytes, Case Correlations, G. I. Pathology, and others. Since his appointment to the faculty four years ago, he has been nominated for the Aesculapian Award For Outstanding Preclinical Faculty, College of Medicine, three times and the recipient of that honor twice. The award is presented by the medical students for excellence in teaching.

His membership in professional societies numbers eight. With regard to University and community service, he is a volunteer physician for Planned Parenthood Association of Oklahoma City, and Alternate Senator for the University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate. His committee activity includes the Basic Science Education Coordination Committee, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; the Committee on Handicapped Accessibility and Accommodations, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; the Ad Hoc Committee on Rehabilitation Services; and the Anatomic Pathology Search Committee, Department of Pathology.

During his undergraduate years, John was a member of the 1966-67 and 1968-69 University of Illinois Gizz Kids Midwest Conference Wheelchair Basketball Championship Teams and a member of the Gizz Kids 1969 National Wheelchair Basketball Champions. He was one of 29 students and staff selected to tour Hawaii in January 1969 to educate various lay groups and professionals about disabilities.

John's wife, Claudia, an attorney, has served as Executive Director of Planned Parenthood and currently is a financial consultant with Shearson/American Express. Their professional responsibilities leave little free time, but they have recently managed to completely remodel their home and are enrolled in a class to learn signing for the deaf.

John has been confined to a wheelchair since age five; his paraplegia the result of a road grader accident.

Dean Robert Herron (R) presents Rick Shanahan (L) with the Harold Scharper Achievement Award. *Photo by F. D. Maglione*

1984

William Richard Shanahan

Rick's first two years of academic life were accounted for via home bound tutoring since he did not begin to walk until age five. He taught himself algebra in the fifth grade and calculus at age 13. At age 15, when he taught high school teachers Einstein's Theory of Relativity, those concerned with enriching Rick's academic activity recommended that he seek his academic program elsewhere.

In the fall of 1965, at age 16, he entered University High School, Urbana, Illinois. After one semester he added University of Illinois courses to his high school program during the spring semester 1966. At age 17 he entered the University and graduated two and one-half years later. In August 1968, at age 19, Rick earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics with Honors in Liberal Arts and Sciences and High Distinction in Physics. His overall cumulative average was 4.86 (A = 5) and a 5.0 in the Physics curriculum. He was the recipient of the Bronze Tablet, the highest recognition of academic excellence at the University, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

In June 1972, at age 23, he earned the Ph.D. in theoretical physics at Princeton University.

He joined the staff at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, New Mexico, in October 1973, as a Theoretical Physicist. From 1973 to 1978 his energy was devoted to Intense Particle Beam and Laser Fusion Theory; the undertaking of basic theoretical research related to both laser fusion and intense relativistic electron beam physics; the study of thermal conductivity in laser-produced plasmas; the development of original studies of relativistic electron beam equalibrium and stability; and he was identified with Project Sherwood, the nation's program to control for peaceful purposes a thermonuclear reaction.

In 1978 Rick moved from the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory to the National Laboratory to be involved with Advanced Concepts and Plasma Applications. In this setting he is currently responsible for the analytical and numerical investigation of autoresonant collective ion acceleration and has assumed responsibility for preparation of internal group reports. In addition, he has undertaken the formulation of a plan of study of neutralized plasma beam propagation across a magnetic field for which both an internal report and a proposal based on this plan have been written.

Rick has changed his field of active scientific investigation to that of theoretical plasma physics. He has made a number of contributions to the basic physics of relativistic electron beam stability, particularly with respect to the effect of density and magnetic field gradients on such stability. During the course of this work, he has corrected several serious errors in earlier, less rigorous studies made by earlier investigators. In addition to his research on intense relativistic electron beams, he collaborated in a study of the effect of electromagnetic instabilities on thermal conducitivity in a laser-produced plasma.

He has authored and co-authored abstracts, reports, and proposals numbering over 40 and has represented the Los Alamos Laboratory at scientific conferences in many parts of the country. He has met with physicists from Japan and with scientists from Russia and other countries.

During his free time, he has journied to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Washington, D.C. in behalf of the handicapped. He is a serious student of classical music.

Rick's physical disability is cerebral palsy. He is the son of William and Ruth Shanahan.

Cains Awarded Honorary DSO Life Memberships

At our 35th Awards Banquet, Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. conferred Honorary Life Memberships to Bill and Judy Cain of Urbana, IL for their involvement and support of the Rehab Education Center's Program and DSO projects over the years. Bill and Judy have always been ready to help in whatever way they can.

DSO's Alpha Chapter extends their "Congratulations" to two deserving great individuals!

Judy and Bill Cain speechless! (Jann Floyd (L) did the surprise presentation.)

THE HAROLD SCHARPER SERVICE AWARD

The Harold Scharper Service Award is given each year to a student of any class, who has contributed the greatest service in the development of furtherance of the purposes and practices for which the University's program was established and to which Harold Scharper dedicated his life. The individual receiving this award will be given a fitting desk or wall plaque which can be proudly displayed in the recipient's home, office, or place of business. The recipient's name will be inscribed on the large Harold Scharper Service Plaque which is publicly displayed in the University's Rehabilitation Education Center, and which will be maintained indefinitely as a credit to the recipient of the award and as an example to all students who will follow. The establishment of the Service Award was to supplement the Achievement Award since Harold Scharper expressed, "the effort of our program will only be as good as the unselfish service rendered to it by its participants."

1984

Peter A. Garceau

Peter transferred to the University of Illinois in the fall of 1981. He completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, College of Commerce and Business Administration, in January 1984, with a combined cumulative grade point average of 4.08 (A = 5).

Since Peter's arrival on the UIUC campus the fortunes of Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO) have increased immeasurably. By his example and productivity DSO has gained an even greater appreciation for the meaning of Service. At the very outset he gave early notice of his willingness to devote his energy, time, and talent to numerous projects. He was elected Executive-at-Large his first year, served as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairperson in 1982-83, and moved on to serve as President during the 1983-84 school year.

In recognition of his accomplishments, he was awarded the Mary Jane Neer Scholarship and in recognition of service performed to both the Rehabilitation Program and his fellow students he was selected as the recipient of the T. J. Nugent Award by his peers. Recipients of the T. J. Nugent Award are judged for the attributes of personal integrity, human dignity, intellectual endeavor, pride in self, and concern for others.

One of the unique features about Peter Garceau is his view towards service and volunteerism. No job is too small, no task too big. His enthusiasm and commitment are always evident whether serving as a Sigma Signs staff writer, as a volunteer worker for the DSO fund raising film project, as a New Student Picnic chairperson, or co-chairing the Hawaiian Luau Party last year which was one of the most successful DSO projects in years. He almost single handedly coordinated the events for the 1983 Wheel-a-Thon which required many long hours of work.

Tom Jones, UI Director of Broadcast Services presents Peter Garceau with the Harold Scharper Service Award. *Photo by F.D. Maglione*

Most noteworthy, Peter individually raised $1365 in support of sending wheelchair athletes to the National Games.

He has also been active in wheelchair sports as a member of the 1982-83 Gizz Kids Basketball Team and participant in wheelchair football. In track and field he won 1st place in discus and shotput at the Central States Regional Games. In his favorite event, table tennis, he qualified for the National Wheelchair Games in singles for two years and in doubles last year. He and his partner took second place in their division at the 1983 Nationals in Hawaii.

Because he needed assistance with his activities of daily living when he transferred to the UIUC campus, Peter resided at the Guy M. Beckwith Living Center for two years. During that time he served as President of the Beckwith Student Council and worked at becoming fully independent. He has moved from Beckwith and is living independently in an apartment.

Unselfish, dependable, responsible, enthusiastic — Peter Garceau has been a leader in service.

Peter has been disabled since birth due to congenital spinal cord damage. He is the son of Neil and Fay Garceau.

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THE TIMOTHY J. NUGENT AWARD

In 1970 a special award was established by members of Delta Sigma Omicron, Alpha Chapter to honor Professor Timothy J. Nugent, Founder and Director of the Rehabilitation Education Center on the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana campus. This award is presented annually in recognition of service performed by a student to both the rehabilitation program and his or her fellow students. The recipient is judged on the following attributes: personal integrity, human dignity, intellectual endeavor, pride in self, and concern for others. The Executive Board of Delta Sigma Omicron has chosen Dawn Bragg and Diana Humphrey to receive this year's award.

1984

Dawn Bragg

Dawn comes to us from Kingston, Jamaica in the West Indies. She entered the University of Illinois as a graduate student in Dairy Nutrition having received an undergraduate degree in Animal Sciences from Florida A & M University.

She entered the University of Illinois in August of 1982 and in two short years has established a most enviable record. It is not uncommon for Dawn to be up at all hours of the night in the labs or on the farms looking after some of her experimental animals. Yet, she still has time for her friends and colleagues and to render services to the members and friends of Delta Sigma Omicron. She served as Vice President of Delta Sigma Omicron in 1983-84 and did an outstanding job as the Chairperson of the 1983 Awards Banquet. Dawn also served with distinction on the 1982 and 1983 committees for the disabled children's Christmas party, an annual event sponsored by Delta Sigma Omicron for youngsters in Champaign-Urbana and nearby communities who have disabilities. She also served on the Food Committee for the Hawaiian Luau Party. She was a contributing writer for SIGMA SIGNS, annual publication of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. and Spokesman, monthly newsletter of Alpha Chapter.

In sports she played on the Ms. Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team and was selected as the Most Valuable Player for the 1982-83 season. She also excelled in track and field having won gold medals in the shotput, discus and javelin at the 1983 National Wheelchair Games held in Honolulu, Hawaii. She shattered the national records in the shotput and the discus that year.

She is an individual who is very proud of Delta Sigma Omicron and appreciates all that DSO and the Rehabilitation Education Center offers disabled students. She unselfishly gives of her time to help other students, committees or wherever help is needed. Her concerns for others is always very evident in the day-to-day contact she has with students and staff.

Dawn became disabled with polio when she was 18 months old. She is the daughter of Dudley and Joyce Bragg of Kingston, Jamaica.

Congratulations are extended to a young woman who exemplifies the spirit of the T. J. Nugent Award.

DSO President Bob Dover presents Dawn Bragg with the Timothy J. Nugent Award. *Photo by F.D. Maglione*

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Diana Humphrey receives the Timothy J. Nugent Award from Dale Prochaska, DSO Awards Chairman. *Photo by F. D. Maglione*

1984

Diana Humphrey

Diana is a senior in the College of Commerce and Business Administration majoring in Business Administration with an overall gradepoint average of 4.28 (5.00 = A). She came to the University of Illinois at the beginning of her junior year when she became a resident of the Guy M. Beckwith Living Center, having had to live at home and attend a community college in St. Louis, Missouri during her first two years.

Diana has been an active member and an effective leader of Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO) since her arrival on campus. She is currently the Vice President of Delta Sigma Omicron and the Chairperson of the 1984 Awards Banquet. She was Co-chairperson for the 1984 New Student Orientation Picnic. She served as the 1983-84 Chairperson of Public Relations and did an outstanding job as the Chairperson of the 1983 Bake Sale. She has been a reliable and effective member of many committees such as the movie fund raising projects of 1982 and 1983; the disabled children's Christmas parties in 1982 and 1983, an annual event sponsored by Delta Sigma Omicron for youngsters in the Champaign-Urbana and nearby communities who have disabilities; the 1982 and 1983 Wheel-A-Thons; and many others. She was a contributing writer for the past two issues of SIGMA SIGNS, annual publication of Delta Sigma Omicron, Inc. She has served on the Beckwith Residential Council and as a member of the Health Advocates group on campus.

Diana is a very sensitive, caring and thoughtful individual who, as one of the Beckwith residents states, "is always willing to give a helping hand." Pound for pound she is one of the most energetic persons to ever attend the University of Illinois. Diana is a victim of muscular dystrophy. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Humphrey, reside in Creve Coeur, Missouri.

Congratulations are extended to Diana Humphrey who personifies the attributes of the T. J. Nugent Award.

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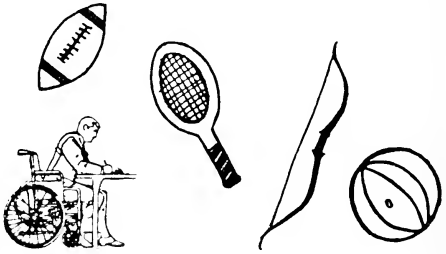

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Disabled Children's Christmas Party Fantastic and Memorable!

by Diana Humphrey

"Here comes Santa Claus,
Here comes Santa Claus!
Right down Oak Street?"

Well, that may not be how the song actually goes, but that's definitely where Santa Claus was heading on the afternoon of December 2. Santa (Jim Tasic) was making his yearly pre-holiday visit to the Rehabilitation Education Center for the annual Disabled Children's Christmas Party, sponsored by Delta Sigma Omicron. Sitting in his rather uniquely constructed sleigh (which can handle just about any kind of weather) and drawn by eight, two-legged reindeer from St. Matthew Catholic Church School, Santa Claus was greeted by about 100 smiling and anxious faces and a group of singing elves. The group was then escorted to a very Christmasy looking room with a beautiful decorated tree with gifts underneath, red and green trim from wall to wall, snow flakes aflutter everywhere, enough treats and goodies to satisfy any sweet tooth imaginable, and even a chair just for Santa. The afternoon hours passed almost too quickly with all of the activities that were planned. First, there was caroling to the familiar tunes of "Frosty," "Silent Night," and "Jingle Bells." Then, everyone drew close for a special Christmas puppet show presented by Sandy Bales and her students. And what would a Christmas party be without having a chance to sit on Santa's lap to chat awhile and to receive a present from him that just happened to be exactly what you wanted?! The day ended with the breaking of pinatas made by Annette Henson and her Dad. Everyone had a shot at it, but it was Brad Johnson who gave the lucky hit to the first pinata that sent candy flying everywhere.

There is always a sort of sadness when that candy stops flying and the end of the party draws near. The children start putting on their coats and one by one their ride appeared to take them home. The Disabled Children's Christmas Party is probably one of the most popular events of the year for everyone at Delta Sigma Omicron. It gives everyone a chance to lend a helping hand, whether it be designing and mailing out invitations, shopping and wrapping gifts, baking and decorating cookies, or making a normal classroom look like something from out of Christmastown. And if that doesn't put a person in the holiday spirit, then seeing the faces of the kids on that day of the party certainly will! While it is certainly sad to see everyone leave, you are left with a certain eagerness for next year's party! A fantastic and memorable time was had by all.

Scrambling for the "goodies" from the Pinata. *Photo by Peter Garceau*

"Whacha got Anthony?" asks Joshua and Brad.

Our sincere appreciation to the Greater Champaign County AmBucs, J.M. Jones Co., Pyramid Co., Hardees, Coca Cola Bottling Co., and Blossom Basket Florist for their support and contributions. Special thanks should also go to Karen Wold, Chairperson for the party, whose planning and patience and holiday spirit made it such a success and the St. Matthew Catholic Church School's 8th grade classes of Jim Tasic and Loretta Fellers. Until next year. . . Ho, Ho, Ho!

A great big hug. . . a chat. . . and a kiss from Santa! That's Christmas!

Wheel-A-Thon 1985

by Chuck Graham

There were a lot of new things about the seventh annual Wheel-A-Thon, but unfortunately one wasn't the weather. Due to rain, we had to hold it in the Armory for the second straight year. This year's Co-Chairmen were Mike Pallis and Chuck Graham. Delta Sigma Phi, Chuck's fraternity, was the Co-Sponsor.

This year, for the first time, 50% of the proceeds were divided between the National Spinal Cord Injury Association and the March of Dimes. The remaining 50% goes to DSO to support their disabled students sports program and other projects.

In conjunction with the Wheel-A-Thon, we also had a beer night fund raiser at C.O. Daniels the Friday beforehand. We sold cups that we had printed up publicizing our Wheel-A-Thon and students who bought them were able to get drink specials. Another new innovation, thanks to an idea from Matt Darlow, was the mail remittance envelopes which we sent out to about 1000 people.

16 individuals and four relay teams entered the Wheel-A-Thon. A newcomer to the scene was Cara Clark, a student at Parkland, who shows great promise as a wheelchair athlete. Steve Figoni, grad assistant at the Rehab Education Center, impressed everyone by doing 26 miles, many of those miles included wheeling with his 4 year old son, Stevie, and 2 year old daughter, Julie, on his lap!

To date, we have raised a total of $4,559.52. The top fund raiser in the individual category was Chuck Graham who raised a whopping $1,800.00. Other top fund raisers included Matt Darlow with $368.00 and Brad Hedrick with $223.00. Delta Sigma Phi fraternity won the team category by raising $555.00. Other top teams included Townsend 1-N with $263.00, and Joe Gerardi and Paul Wyness with $395.00.

A lot of credit should go to Bill Myers and Arby's who assisted us by covering a lot of our expenses. Other sponsors included the University of Illinois Athletic Association, McMahon Distributors, C.O. Daniel's, Garcia's, and K-104.

Special thanks should also go to Sharon Hedrick, our Grand Marshall this year. She did a great job and was able to fire the starting pistol on the first try which is better than last year!

Below is a list of participants and their statistics:

Disabled Students (pushed 12 miles or more)		Able-Bodied Participants (pushed 12 miles or more)		Relay Teams	
Matt Darlow	26	Steve Figoni	26	Delta Sigma Phi	26
Chuck Graham	26			Gerardi & Wyness	26
Brad Hedrick	23			Townsend 1-N	26
Marty Morse	20				
Sharon Hedrick	18				
Sherry Ramsey	16				
Cara Clark	15				
Maria Gotfryd	13				

Karen Wold and Steve Herbst registers Matt Darlow. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

Maria Gotfryd being "taped" by Suzanne Gewe as Cara Clark and Sharon look on.

Grand Marshall Sharon Hedrick fires the starting pistol and the Wheel-A-Thon is on! *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

Brad and Sharon Hedrick whizzes by, with Matt Darlow close behind. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

A Mexican Fiesta, the Rehab Way!

by Peter Garceau

It was that time of year again for the Rehabilitation Center to make it's wonderful change into a far away land. This time it was "way down South the ol' Rehab Way."

That's right! It was our second Annual Spring Party, with this year's theme — a Mexican Fiesta! The Center was beautifully decorated with streamers, sombreros, cacti, bright colors and of course pinatas.

We had a tremendous turnout from both students, staff and friends. The punch was flowing, the hors d'oeuvre's were ready and the festivities were about to begin.

We all enjoyed the antics as our students took their turns to bust open the pinatas. Chip Johnson and Colleen Baxter were the first to give our pinatas a swat, but last to duck. Mike Pallis was next to test his mighty swing. But before we knew it, his mighty swing bucked him out of his chair. With the pinatas leading 3 to 0, it was time to bring in a secret weapon, our very own "Mad Dog" Joe Gerardi. Well it took him a few swats but at the end "Mad Dog" was victorious.

With the end of our pinatas it was time to gorge ourselves on Taco Salad, tropical fruit salad and cake. A special thanks goes to Dawn Bragg and her food committee and, of course, all the staff that helped prepare the delightful feast.

It was now time for some after-dinner entertainment. You may remember that last year we were enchanted by our Hawaiian Dancers. Well, as an encore, we invited our own talented and lovely Mexican Hat Dancers, Debbie Ahlgren, Jim Osmon and Margie Zook. Then as a special treat, appearing from parts unknown, came "Lulu" Lukash and Señor Tasic providing us with their own moving rendition of the Tango. As a romantic conclusion they had a final dip and fell (or should I say crashed) into each others arms.

Hearts were now beating, the tension was mounting, the competition was about to begin, who would be our new "Gimp Gam 1985" winner? With a record number of entrants the photo slide competition began. In the female AB (able bodied) category Terrie Brewer, Margie Zook, and Vio (Violeta Dirvonis) all brought the crowd to a frenzy but

Mike Pallis presenting Grand Champion Ann Cody with the coveted "Gimp Gam" Trophy.

Debbie Ahlgren in a unique, yet creative, adaptation of the old "foot in the mouth" pose came away a winner. Steve Figoni flexed his way to victory in the male AB category. Our only repeat winner was Ann Cody in the female gimp category. A battle was fought in the male gimp category, but once again "Mad Dog" Gerardi came through. Pictured in one of his "drunken" states, sprawled out on a park bench, Joe Gerardi captured the glory. In our final live "pose-off" portion of the contest, Ann Cody with feet wrapped around her head was awarded the coveted "Gimp Gam" Trophy. Congratulations Ann!

It was now time for our surprise tribute to Mr. Nugent for his 38 years of hard work and inspiration. With some help from some past alumni such as Jack Whitman and his wife, Jan, Tom Jones and his wife, Louise, and our great friend Fergie and his wife Ethel, we held our version of a Dean Martin Celebrity Roast. We certainly had a few laughs with some kindhearted jests of the past.

Wayne Broeren, via recorded tape, let us in on a few secrets leading to Tim's tremendous "success" on the golf course (or should I say in the rough, the sandtraps and, of course, the

"Where's the Piñata?" asks Vivian Vahling as Jim Tasic gives instructions.

Steve Figoni, grad. assist., flexes his way to the Male AB victory category.

Fergie having a ball in "roasting" Tim.

"Senorita Lulu" Lukash & Señor Jim Tasic doing their wild Tango!

Tim Nugent wearing his orange golf ball lei is bid a fond "Aloha" by Mike Pallis.

waterholes). Well, the Disabled Student Organization had a solution to Tim's golf woe's. We presented him with a lei of 15 bright orange golf balls. Now these may not straighten out his golf swing but at least he will be able to find his balls in the various traps. On a more serious note the group also presented Mr. Nugent with a beautiful leather brief case which he should be able to make great use of.

Once again a tremendous time was had by everyone at this Second Annual Spring Fling. A special thanks goes out to the students who helped with the party planning, I even heard that the "Beards" (recent grad group) reactivated themselves just to help with this one. We hope to see everyone back next year.

MARY JANE NEER SCHOLARSHIP

The Mary Jane Neer Scholarship was established in 1967 with the objective of providing opportunities for handicapped students in attaining their academic goals. The scholarship is based on past achievements, participation, promise of success and individual needs, when appropriate. In the past, the scholarship has been awarded to students who have demonstrated academic merit, shown financial need, contributed their time and talents to university activities and many other considerations.

This year Robert Dover and Linda Mastandrea were the Mary Jane Neer Scholarship recipients. The following is a brief description of a few of their achievements:

Robert Dover — He is a senior in the College of Education. He served as Delta Sigma Omicron's President for 1984-85, the Architectural Barriers Committee Chairman in 1982-83 and 1983-84, was a member of the Gizz Kids in 1982-83 and an excellent fund raiser for DSO.

Linda Mastandrea — She is a junior in the College of LAS majoring in Speech Communication. She is currently Co-Editor of the 1984-85 SIGMA SIGNS, is a member of the Ms. Kids and served as the 1983-84 Spokesman Editor. She, too, has been an excellent fund raiser for DSO.

G M SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to GARY JONES, JIM LUKASH, ANNA MASON AND GERALD WEICHBRODT, each of whom received a $2,000 scholarship from the General Motors Foundation for Exceptional Children. In addition to the money, GM is trying to arrange summer internships for each of them.

Ray Lesnik presents DSO President Bob Dover with a check. L-R: Don Biegel, Marc Doss, Bob Dover, Ray Lesnik, Vennie Gore

Chambana Charity Classic 10K Race Huge Success!

DSO was presented with a check for $1,349.05 from Ray Lesnik, President of the ISR Fitness Club at the Executive Board Meeting on May 2, 1985. Their project, the Chambana Charity Classic 10K Race, raised all this money. Accompanying Ray were Marc Doss, Advisor and committee members Don Biegel, Treasurer and Vennie Gore, Resident Director of Townsend Hall. They thanked all of our wheelchair athletes who participated in the Race with special thanks going to Olympic Gold Medalist Sharon Hedrick. All Board members present expressed their appreciation for all the work that the ISR Fitness Club put into making the Race a success.

CUT-A-THON PROJECT — First venture a great success. DSO thanks Hairbenders I & their employees who volunteered their time to raise fund for our projects.

DEAN'S LIST

Semester I — School Year 1984-85

Graham, Charles
Herbst, Steven
Luber, Michael
Mastandrea, Linda
Miller, Laurel
Parr, Laura
Opie, George
Rubinstein, Elana
Sullivan, Thomas
Westjohn, Karla

Semester II — School Year 1984-85

Daley, Patrick
Gordon, Gregory
Kostka, Carol
Luber, Michael
Miller, Jeffrey
Miller, Laurel
Parr, Laura
Rubinstein, Elana
Wyness, Paul

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* Based only on completed courses — one or more Ex of Df grades removed.

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Dee, Laurice
Dover, Robert
Fredrikson, Peter
Gotfryd, Maria
Graham, Charles
Griffith, Kristina
Hedrick, Sharon
Herbst, Steven
Humphrey, Diana
Johnson, Charles
Jones, Gary
Judkins, Ronald
Kostka, Carol
Kotamraju, Padma
Lau, Ping Kuen
Luber, Michael
Lucas, Angela
McCray, Michael
Miller, Jeffrey
Mirell, Holly
Morse, Martin
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Mundy, David
Murphy, Eileen
Naraparaddy, Vijaya
Opie, George
Penn, Alan
Prochaska, Dale
McPherson, Suzanne
Stephens, James
Sullivan, Thomas
Takahashi, William
Vahling, Vivian
Weichbrodt, Gerald
Weiss, William
Westjohn, Karla
Wold, Karen
Wyness, Paul
Yoss, Barbara

GRADUATES

August, 1984
Kyung Kim, B.S., Electrical Engineering, Post Polio
Beatrice Kroesche, M.S., Library & Information Science, Visual
Larry Labiak, M.S., Advertising, Post Polio

October, 1984
Marguerite Fisher, Ph.D., Accountancy, Visual
Geralyn Mastaccio, M.S., Veterinary Medical Science, Amputee
Peter Paul, Ph.D., Education, Hearing Impairment

January, 1985'
Lois Bennin, M.Ed., Education, Polio
John Beck, A.B., Economics, Traumatic Quadriplegia
Robert Dover, B.S., Secondary Education, Spina Bifida
Diana Humphrey, B.S., Business Administration, Muscular Dystrophy
Rene' Keres, B.S., Leisure Studies, Orthopedic
Padma Kotamraju, A.M., History, Epilepsy
Ping Kuen Lau, B.S., Electrical Engineering (Honors), Polio
Gregory Pitchford, B.F.A., Painting, Hemiplegic
Sue Johnson Smith, B.S.W., Social Work, Traumatic Paraplegia
Richard Squire, M.Ed., Education, Cerebral Palsy

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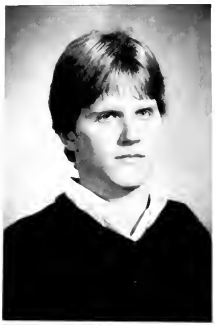

John Beck

Diana Humphrey

Rene' Keres

Elana Rubinstein

May, 1985
Mark Becker, B.S., Agronomy, Cystic Fibrosis
Michael Burg, B.S., Business Administration (Honors), Orthopedic
Robert Case, B.S., Elementary Education, Orthopedic
Brian Giessing, B.S., Accountancy, Incomplete Quadriplegic
Maria Gotfryd, B.S.W., Social Work, Spina Bifida
Kristina Griffith, B.F.A., Art Education, Dyslexia
Ronald Judkins, B.S., Business Administration, Traumatic Quadriplegia
Kenneth Langlois, B.S., Economics, Dyslexia
Michael Luber, B.S., Psychology, Muscular Dystrophy
Lynne Mullen, B.S., Secondary Education, Osteogenesis
Timothy Needham, B.S., Math/Computer Science, Cerebral Palsy
Laura Ottoboni, M.S., Biology, Traumatic Paraplegia
Alan Penn, A.B., Political Science, Traumatic Quadriplegia
Elana Rubinstein, A.B., Speech Communications (Magna Cum Laude), Visual Impairment
James Stephens, A.B., Finance, Traumatic Quadriplegia
Gerald Weichbrodt, B.S., Electrical Engineering (Honors), Visual Impairment

GEORGE HUFF AWARD

1984-85

This award is presented to able-bodied and disabled athletes who have won varsity letters and who have maintained a scholastic average of 4.0 or better for 2 consecutive semesters. This year, the following students were recognized for their academic and athletic achievements and presented with the George Huff Award.

Letter Winner	Sport	Grade Point Average		College	Hometown
Rene' Keres	Basketball	4.50		ALS	Rockford, IL
Barbara Yoss	Basketball	4.36	4.14	ALS	Urbana, IL
Patrick Daley	Basketball	4.36	4.56	FAA	Lansing, IL
Martin Morse	Basketball	4.78	–	ALS	Hanover, MA

Congratulations are extended to Rene', Barb, Pat and Marty.

DELTA SIGMA OMICRON

Gene Vance, Associate Director of Development of the UI Foundation and Matt Darlow with his first Varsity Letter. *Photo by Curt Beamer*

Pat Grotepass, grad assist., guards Joe Konitzki at the Staff vs. Student's Basketball Game.

Olympic Gold Medalist Sharon Hedrick

Coach Tom Morris and Vivian Vahling discussing Goal Ball strategies as Jim Osmon listens.

Ann Cody nearing the finish line at the Sage City 10K Road Race in Monticello, IL. *Photo by J. S. Nugent*

SPORTS

Sharon Hedrick and Dale Allardyce, Division Manager, Southland Distribution Center of Champaign admire the amphora.

OLYMPIA AWARD TO SHARON HEDRICK

by Linda Mastandrea

On March 7, 1985, the Rehab Center received some exciting news — Sharon Hedrick was named as this year's recipient of the Southland Olympia Award.

This award, which is sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee, is given to athletes in the summer and winter olympic games for extraordinary achievement in athletics, leadership, and scholarship. Sharon has realized another impossible dream by being the first wheelchair athlete to be honored with this award.

"This award is based not only on athletic performance, but on dedication to the amateur ideal," said Olympic Torchlighter, Rafer Johnson, who was also a member of the selection panel. "Sharon Rahn Hedrick epitomizes the amateur ideal in sports. She is an inspiration to all of us, and a gold-medal example of how one can overcome handicaps."

Since coming to the university Sharon has participated in wheelchair basketball and track, holding numerous national records in both sports. She has not lost a race in the 100, 200, 400, 800, or 1500 meter events since 1975. She has been named Most Valuable Player at the National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament six of the eight times she's competed in it. Along with these outstanding achievements, last summer Sharon did what many of us wouldn't even dare to dream. She traveled to Los Angeles and competed in the 800 meter exhibition wheelchair race at the 1984 Summer Games and brought us home a gold.

She has not only focused on athletics, but also received bachelor's and master's degrees in Health and Safety Education from the UI, and is now working toward a second bachelor's in Hospital Dietetics.

The Southland Corporation, which owns and operates 7-Eleven Stores, recognized Sharon's achievements by presenting her with a reproduction of a Greek amphora, a vase given to athletes in Athens 2500 years ago. In so doing, they helped realize a dream of many disabled individuals — to be looked upon not as a person with a handicap, but as someone who can dream, can try, and most of all, can achieve. Congratulations to you, Sharon — you're terrific!

Second Annual University of Illinois Wheelchair Tennis Championships

by Brad Hedrick

August 18 and 19 of 1984 not only marked the dates on which the majority of the 35,000 students enrolled at the University of Illinois converged on the campus to begin preparation for the fall semester, but it was also the dates on which 29 midwestern wheelchair tennis players, and one Swedish tennis player, traveled to Champaign for the Second Annual University of Illinois Wheelchair Tennis Championships. Of course, not only were the numbers up from last year's tournament but the caliber of play was also markedly improved!

In the men's open division Brad Hedrick of Champaign, Illinois; Ray Clark of Stockholm, Sweden; Dave Luesse of Sparta, Illinois and Jim Greenblatt of Clayton, Missouri played each other within a single round-robin tournament format. Hedrick won the division by posting 8-2, 8-5 and 8-2 victories over Greenblatt, Clark and Luesse respectively. Clark edged out Luesse for second place primarily as a result of his 8-5 victory over Luesse in the round-robin competition.

In the women's open, Lorrie Martin of Grand Rapids, Michigan won the championship with a strong showing against Sally Sweetman also of Grand Rapids.

In the men's "B" division Dale Fitz of Grand Rapids made his way into the finals by overcoming Don Rogers in a tough semi-final match by a score of 8-6. Similarly Lee Montgomery won a shot at the championship match by defeating Don Thompson of Champaign, Illinois in a very well played semi-final game by a score of 8-4. In the finals, Montgomery was again victorious defeating Fitz by a score of 7-5, 6-1.

In the men's "D" division, John Kamsickas of Grand Rapids squared off with Sam Napier of Indianapolis, Indiana again after having played two tough semi-final matches against Bruce Waugh and Tom Ottenwess, respectively. Napier proved the stronger competitor on that day in defeating Kamsickas by a score of 6-1, 6-3.

In the Open doubles division the team of Lee Montgomery and Dale Fitz defeated a team comprised of Steve Jarmasco and Doug Dupont by a score of 6-4, 6-4. Finally, in the "B" doubles division, Sam Napier and Bruce Waugh of Indianapolis, Indiana teamed up to defeat Tom Partenen of Grand Rapids and Terry Hurst of Champaign, Illinois by a score of 6-3, 7-5.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the Everest and Jennings Company who covered the Racquet Club rental fees on Saturday, August 18 when rain precluded outdoor play. Additionally, we would like to thank the Western Tennis Association for their support of this year's tournament. This was the second year in which the Western Tennis Association had provided a grant in support of our U. of I. Tournament and it has certainly been a critical factor in helping us to achieve our present success.

Having gone from a touranment with only 15 participants to one of more than 30 entries in but one year, increases our excitement regarding the prospects of an even greater 1985 U. of I. Wheelchair Tennis Championship. It's even more exciting when we consider the fact that all of these athletes but one were mid-westerners!

Gizz Kids Basketball 1984-85

by Matt Darlow

The 1984-85 season began like many others for the Gizz Kids, lots of heart but not many bodies. But this team, which included three first year players rose to the occasion to have one of the finest years in the team's recent history.

Led by returning players Pat Daley, Chuck Graham, Joe "Mad Dog" Gerardi and Marty Morse the Gizz Kids became Co-Champions of the Central Intercollegiate Conference. They then went on to win their first National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (NIWBT) in Coach Brad Hedrick's career. The victory came over the Gizz Kid's arch rival Southwest State University by the score 44-28.

Fourth year player Marty Morse led the team with his experience and fine play in his final season as a Gizz Kid. He led the team in rebounding on both ends of the court which led to many fast break lay-ups for freshman Matt Darlow. Marty also was second in scoring, assists and blocked shots. He was awarded the Sportsmanship Award at the NIWBT. Matt led the team in scoring, steals, assists and free throw percentage. He was second in rebounding. Matt was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates.

The sophomore jinx didn't affect the Gizz Kids this year. Chuck Graham had a fine overall year. He was tied for second in scoring and was also second in assists and steals. Chuck was rewarded for his great season by being appointed to First Team All Conference and First Team NIWBT along with Matt and Marty. The team's other sophomore, Joe Gerardi, this year's Most Improved Player, was a force on defense and as the season progressed he became a threat to score at any time.

Pat Daley, in his third season, led the team in blocked shots and was second in free throw percentage. Pat added some needed experience the entire season. Pat was selected to the Second Team NIWBT for his efforts.

Rounding out the team were Gordon Lau who graduated at the end of the winter semester, Mike Pallis, Paul Wyness and Vinnie Integlia. Vinnie and Mike were the team's designated "pickers." Whenever someone was too close to one of their teammates, Vinnie and Mike came to the rescue with a pick that Moses Malone would have been jealous of. Paul Wyness is the newest Gizz Kid. In less than half a season he has shown the potential to become a force in the years to come.

With many players returning next season the team can hope to improve on their 11-5 record. With more playing experience and the confidence which goes along with it the '85-'86 season hopes to be a joy for the Gizz Kids but a horror for their opponents.

Thanks go out to Coach Brad Hedrick and his Assistant Coaches Steve Figoni, Tom Morris and Pat Grotepass for their dedication and hard work all year long.

The 1984-85 Gizz Kids Team: Front Row: Matt Darlow, Mike Pallis, Gordon Lau, Joe Gerardi, Second Row: Vinnie Integlia, Marty Morse, Pat Daley, Chuck Graham. Third Row: Tom Morris, Grad Assist.; Brad Hedrick, Coach; Steve Figoni, Grad Assist. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

Ms. Kids 1984-85

by Ann Cody

In the dawn of the 84-85 season the Ms. Kids were diligently practicing basic picking drills and ball handling skills. Although it seemed like the Ms. Kids did nothing but drills during practice they knew it would pay off later. During the fall semester only five Ms. Kids were rostered, four being returning players. The team worked relentlessly to make each player a stronger one.

The first women's tournament of the season was in Chicago in December. The Ms. Kids went to Chicago with reserved confidence. They won the four team tournament after a close game with the Minnesota Wheels-of-Fortune.

During the 1985 "Tour" to New Orleans the Ms. Kids lost their first game to a men's team. The women were beginning to pull together and won the rest of their contests.

When they returned from the tour the Ms. Kids set their sights on the Zonta Tournament to be held in Minneapolis in late February. They looked forward to the tournament with excitement as they had acquired a new member, Sherry Ramsey. Sherry gave the Ms. Kids a bench and proved to be a great asset with her speed. Another new member, Cara Clark, joined the force participating in practices only. She will be on the roster in the fall of 85. The Ms. Kids began to fine-tune their offense and work Sherry into the line-up. It proved to be most effective.

The Ms. Kids won the five team Zonta tournament decisively. They were more than ready for the Women's National Tournament coming up in two weeks in San Diego, California. The team played well together as a unit and the improvement each one had made was very apparent.

The Ms. Kids travelled to San Diego to play their best and they did. The women won four straight games to earn a seat in the championship game against Southern California. It was a very exciting game as the Ms. Kids dominated the close game throughout. But the Sunrise team played strong in the final minutes to win and reclaim the National title. Each player gave her best for the sport. Next year there will be five returning players who know that improvement is inevitable under the coaching of Brad Hedrick. The following were members of the 1984-85 Ms. Kids: Ann Cody, Maria Gotfryd, Sharon Hedrick, Linda Mastandrea, Sherry Ramsey, Barbara Yoss, and Cara Clark.

In late May the Ms. Kids became allies with a well known rival team from Minnesota and travelled to Europe. The combined team played women's national teams in the Netherlands and Germany. This was the first time a women's team other than a national team travelled abroad to compete in basketball. It was a wonderful experience for each player

The 1984-85 Ms. Kids Team. Front Row: Linda Mastandrea, Ann Cody, Barb Yoss, Sharon Hedrick, Maria Gotfryd. Back Row: Brad Hedrick, Coach; Pat Grotepass, Grad Assist. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

as they gained greater insight for the game. Also the experience of seeing foreign lands was one that none of them shall forget. Congratulations to the Ms. Kids on a successful and memorable experience. Good luck to Maria Gotfryd on graduating from the University of Illinois.

Christmas Break Tour

by Chuck Graham

The Gizz Kids/Ms. Kids annual Christmas Break Tour started off at 12:01 a.m., January 5th from snowbound Champaign. We actually departed on time and were on the icy road to Jackson, MS. It was in Jackson that the Gizz Kids suffered their first loss of the season to the Jackson Free Wheelers, 44-39. Matt Darlow had a game high 21 points, followed by Chuck Graham with 8, Pat Daley with 6, and Marty Morse with 4. The Ms. Kids played the Jackson men's team also, losing 28-23. Ann Cody led with 11 points, followed by Sharon Hedrick with 10 and Barb Yoss with 2.

The next day we were off to Lake Charles, LA and the scenic campus of McNeese State University. The Gizz Kids played that night against the Acadian 2 Free Wheelers exploding for 77 points and a 77-36 win. Matt Darlow led with 27 points, 9 rebounds, and 7 assists. Chuck had 20 points and 9 rebounds, followed by Brad Hedrick with 17 points, Pat Daley with 7 points, and Marty Morse with 6 points and 11 rebounds.

That night we had our first annual Lite Beer Picture Party in the men's dorm. We managed to sneak the girls and the you-know-what past the R.A. because they were prohibited in our dorm. Most of the poor Chicago fans needed to drown their sorrows after seeing their Bears crushed 20-0.

We did manage to get up bright and early the next morning to put on an exhibition for some disabled youth and other interested parties. The exhibition went well and we were all given special pins from the City of Lake Charles for our service to the disabled of their community.

We finally got some time off and most of us wandered around the campus. Some went shopping, some tried to get a quick suntan, and Barb even managed to get ants in her pants while sitting on the ground outside of Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers.

Back to the court. Both teams played an exhibition during the halftime of the two McNeese State games that night. The Ms. Kids played against four girls from the local Chi Omega sorority and our own grad assistant, Pat Grotepass, who scored her team's only basket. At halftime of the men's game, the Gizz Kids took on five members of the local Kappa Sigma fraternity. It was at this point that the trouble started. The girls decided it would be fun to play an "impractical" joke on the guys which is too obscene to be mentioned in this upstanding publication. We were ready for revenge, but it would have to wait.

After the game, we went to the Lake Charles Hilton for B.L.T.'s and to help one of our bus drivers, Larry "Honey" Stout, celebrate his birthday. We won't tell which one it was.

Once again, we were off bright and early for New Orleans and Bourbon Street. Time for revenge! While unloading the bus I happened to notice that the girls left Grover (stuffed animal) and a few of his furry friends on the bus. Bus driver, Bob Corum, managed to help us sneak them off and the ransom note was delivered. They didn't even notice until late that night that their "pets" were missing. We spent the afternoon exploring the French Quarter and making sure Mike Pallis got some oysters to eat. Larry Stout's brother, Dale, his wife, Nancy and daughter Cindy, fixed a delicious meal for us all and introduced us to King Cake. They brought down a bag of Mardi Gras beads and accessories which were divided up and re-divided up between the girls for the next hour. It was worse than Christmas morning at the Waltons! All that noise made it hard for us guys to concentrate on the Syracuse-Boston College basketball game on TV.

Around 10 o'clock we headed back into the French Quarter only to spend the rest of our money at Pat O'Brien's, *THE* bar to visit when in "N'awlins." The crew managed to put away a few Hurricanes, Rainbows, Cyclones, and Lightnings in the next two hours. It's a wonder how we managed to get out of the place without breaking all the glasses we had purchased.

Well, finally our last day of tour. We spent a couple of enjoyable hours on a steamboat ride on the Mississippi, sponsored by Dale Stout's employer's company, John W. Stone Oil Distributors, Inc. Afterwards we wandered through the

Steam boating up the Mississippi — Pat Grotepass, Chuck Graham, Ann Cody, Linda Mastandrea.

French Quarter once again, trying to keep Joe "Mad Dog" Gerardi and Mike Pallis out of strip joints on Bourbon Street. Later that night we played an exhibition against the Firefighters of St. Bernard-Parrish. They proved to be a lot of fun on the court. Afterward we ate tons of seafood at Deanie's. "Mad Dog" managed to eat all the soft crab in sight, while the rest of us worked on the catfish and shrimp. We finished off the evening by watching "Scarface" at the hotel.

Once again, we were off bright and early. We managed to make it back despite Tom Morris and Mike Pallis' wrestling matches, Brad and Barb's all-out wars, and numerous other "battles" on the way back to the frozen arctic wasteland called Champaign.

Basketball Awards Banquet

by Joe Gerardi

On Wednesday, April 17, the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights and the Ms. Kids and Gizz Kids of the University of Illinois gathered for the Annual Basketball Awards Banquet. The banquet hosted by American Legion Post 24, gives the wheelchair basketball teams a chance to reflect on the season and to recognize the accomplishments of the players. Ron Malik, in his first year as the Black Knight's head coach, presented the awards for the Black Knights. The Black Knights voted Dick Montgomery as the Most Valuable Player and Mike Elmer as the Most Improved Player. The Black Knights also recognized the fine play and support of Carl Lewis, Ed Tichenor, Terry Hurst, Jerry Rittenhouse, Eddie Callahan and Mark Behrent. There was a moment of silence for Mark Behrent who had passed away several weeks before this banquet.

Next Coach Brad Hedrick, assisted by graduate assistants Pat Grotepass and Tom Morris, presented the awards for the Ms. Kids and Gizz Kids. Barb Yoss received the Most Valuable Player Award. Maria Gotfryd was voted the Most Improved Player and Ann Cody was presented the Captain's Award. Brad commended the women on their fine performance at the '85 Nationals, and with the experience gained by the players this year, 1986 looks promising. The Gizz Kids selected freshman Matt Darlow as the Most Valuable Player and Joe Gerardi as the Most Improved Player. The Captain's Award capped off a fine collegiate career for Marty Morse. Ann Cody and Joe Gerardi were also selected as "fashion coordinators" for their respective teams. The evening was climaxed with a special presentation to the Rehabilitation Edcation Center of 2 brand new Quickie basketball chairs compliments of Larry Labiak of L & L Enterprises and Wayne Kunishige, Director of Sales of Motion Designs, Inc.

A special thanks goes out to Commander James Joyce and all the members of American Legion Post 24 for making the evening a fun one for all involved.

"Most Valuable Player" Award winner Barb Yoss gets a hug from Grad. Assistant, Pat Grotepass. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

Sharon Hedrick and Tim Nugent on behalf of the Rehab Center, happily accepts 2 Quickie Basketball Wheelchairs presented by Larry Labiak.

Joe Gerardi accepts "Most Improved Player" Award from Tom Morris, Grad. Assistant. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

28th NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR GAMES

by Marty Morse

Eastern Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee was the site of the 28th National Wheelchair Games which were held in 1984. A better setting couldn't have been chosen. ETSU is the home of one of the fastest tracks in the country as well as an outstanding swimming facility. The combination of these two plus it being an olympic year resulted in many record breaking performances.

The action in track and field was fast and furious in Johnson City. By week's end the University of Illinois track team of three, left with seven national records and six world records. René Keres in her final competition as a member of the U. of I. team broke her own national record in the discus and had a first place finish in the shot put. René, in only four years of competition, has won three national titles in the discus, three titles in the shot put, and one in the javelin.

Rene' Keres places first in the shot put.

Photo by Curt Beamer

The U. of I. will definitely miss this world class competitor.

On the track, Sharon Hedrick renewed her heated rivalry with Californian, Candace Cable. And again, as in years past, Sharon came through with not only convincing victories but also world record times. Sharon bettered the existing national and international records in the 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 meter events.

Brad Hedrick, in only his second year of national level track competition won the 1500, took a second in the 200, and a fifth in a highly competitive 100 meter dash. Brad's

World record breaker Sharon Hedrick shattering her own national records.

Photo by Curt Beamer

victory in the 1500 bettered the existing record for class V as well as qualifying him for a shot at the Olympic Trials in New York.

Off the track the U. of I.'s team was just as successful. Grad student Barbi Baum took a bronze in the Table Tennis Singles, then teamed up with Jean Demare of Michigan for a silver medal in Table Tennis Doubles. Also in Table Tennis, the U. of I. was represented by senior Pete Garceau and Vinnie Integlia in singles and doubles competition. Pete and Vinnie both played well but ran into tough early round competition and didn't make the finals. Their coach, Marty Golub, was still pleased with their performance, and said, "Watch out for these two in the future!"

Once again Larry Labiak showed his versatility as an athlete. Larry placed third in four swimming events and took the gold in the highly competitive I-C Slalom.

The U. of I. team proved that consistent training and hard work result in victory. By weeks end the team had accumulated eleven gold, three silver, and five bronze medals. Not a bad showing for a team of seven.

1985 Indianapolis Qualifying Meet

by Marty Morse

The 1985 Central States Wheelchair Games, held in the Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis track and field facility, was the site of many outstanding performances by the University of Illinois Men's and Women's Wheelchair Track Team.

Starting off Friday, was a national qualifying and gold medal performance by freshman Matt Darlow in the slalom. Matt, competing in his first CSWG, easily out-classed the field in Class V. Chuck Graham, however, was not so fortunate. An unexpected mishap on the slalom ramp knocked Chuck out of contention for a medal. Chuck was scraped up but ready to race Saturday afternoon.

First year grad student Sherry Ramsey led off the U. of I.'s assault on the record book. Sherry broke CSWG marks for Class III women in the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 and 5000 meter events. Her 100, 800 and 5000 meter races were personal records. Sherry was pleasantly surprised by her time on the track considering the fact that most of her training this spring has been on the road.

The other record breaker for the women was Ann Cody. Ann, competing for the first time in over a year, shattered all her existing CSWG times. Not a bad performance considering that only thirteen days earlier Ann had run her first marathon. Like Sherry, Ann was quite pleased with her record breaking performance and is looking forward to this year's Nationals.

The U. of I. men also made quite an impact on the CSWG record book. Brad Hedrick erased the marks in Class V in the 400, 1500 and 5000 meter events. Brad's times in the 400 and 1500 were exceptional considering a 25 mph west wind. By the start of the 5000, however, the wind had settled down. Brad, keeping a consistent 67.5 sec. per lap pace, easily outdistanced the field as well as the CSWG record by over 2 and a half minutes. The winning time of 14:05 is one of the fastest in the country so far this year.

Marty Morse, competing for the first time on the track in over two and a half years, broke three CSWG records. Marty

set records in the 100, 400 and 800 meter events. Sophomore Chuck Graham started off the day with a national qualifying time of 20.2 in the 100 meter dash, however, after the 100 the going got tough. Chuck missed qualifying by a few seconds in all his remaining events.

Matt Darlow, like Chuck, also qualified for Nationals in the 100. Although Matt missed qualifying in his other track events, he improved his personal records. Matt made exceptional progress this year. The coaching staff is looking forward to having Matt for another three years.

All of the men's outstanding performances were not confined to the track. Dale Prochaska was our lone Table Tennis player. Dale, along with his coach, Steve Figoni, has worked hard all year. Their hard work paid off with a silver medal performance as well as a ticket for Dale to his first national competition.

The CSWG were a success with all of the U. of I. competitors qualifying for Nationals. Special thanks should be given to our trainer, mechanic, and timer, Tom Morris, for his assistance in Indianapolis.

Goal Ball Team: Front row – Chip Johnson, Rob Macpherson Back row – Coach Tom Morris, Vivian Vahling, Jim Osmon, Gary Jones.

Goal Ball 1984-85

by Tom Morris

The University of Illinois Out-of-Sighters Goal Ball Team enjoyed much success in both tournament and conference play during the 1984-85 season. Goal Ball is a rigorous, fast moving game which entails rolling (or should we say throwing) a nine-pound ball past three defenders to score a goal. The visually impaired players are all blindfolded and are able to track the ball which emits a bell-like sound by auditory means only.

Although the team underwent a number of player changes throughout the year, the team consists of team captain and

Jim Osmon serving the ball at the Springfield Tournament.
Photo by J.S. Nugent

center Jim Osmon, left wing, Chip Johnson and right wing, Rob Macpherson plus utility players Vivian Vahling, Gary Jones and Tim Downard.

The relatively young and inexperienced team proved itself a worthy opponent in tournament play during the first half of the season. The Out-of-Sighters posted a .500 record in two separate tournaments: the Illinois State Goal Ball Championships in November of 1984 and the Springfield Goal Ball Tournament in February of 1985. Since Vivian Vahling, the only female team member, could not participate with the men's team in competition, she played for a women's team, the Illinois Foxes. For her efforts Vivian was awarded a gold medal in the November Championships.

During the second half of the season, the Out-of-Sighters formed the first ever goal ball conference in the United States. The Mid-American Goal Ball Conference consists of four teams: the Out-of-Sighters, the Indianapolis Rebels, the Indianapolis Cardinals, and the Kentucky Bourbons. The second half of the Out-of-Sighters season was highlighted with a 3-2 victory over the National Champions, the Kentucky Bourbons. Illinois also hosted conference goal ball play; the first goal ball games ever held on this campus.

At the time of this publication, the Out-of-Sighters still have conference play remaining in Kentucky as well as a trip to Upper Montclair, New Jersey for the National Goal Ball championships on June 16-22.

Jim Osmon stops the ball and prevents a score for the opposing team.
Photo by J.S. Nugent

WHEELCHAIR VARSITY ALL SPORTS AWARDS BANQUET

Former "Whiz Kid" Gene Vance congratulates Maria Gotfryd on a great Ms. Kid season. *Photo by Curt Beamer*

Vinnie Integlia receives his Varsity Letter for table tennis from former Director of Athletics, Gene Vance. *Photo by Curt Beamer*

by Joe Gerardi

This year's Varsity All Sports Awards Banquet was held at the Round Barn Banquet Center sponsored by the Champaign-Urbana Optimist Club. This banquet is held each year to honor UI disabled athletes and to present them with their varsity award.

Our emcee was Professor Nugent, who recognized Don Swift, a former Gizz Kid as being recently elected to the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's Hall of Fame. Professor Nugent's jokes and stories gave all of us a constant reminder of the colorful history of the UI sports program. The atmosphere was excellent and the food was mouth watering. The after dinner speaker was Sharon Rahn Hedrick, a 1984 Summer Olympic Gold Medalist. Sharon spoke about the involvement of sports for the disabled in the regular olympics and her memories of the University.

Before the varsity awards were handed out, Coach Brad Hedrick was presented with a "Bobby Knight" Model X Wheelchair, which he might put to good use next year. Professor Nugent mentioned that Brad was probably the only coach to win a national championship and place second at nationals with 2 different teams in the same year. Congratulations, Brad! Below is a list of the Varsity Award Winners. In addition to the Varsity Award winners, Brad recognized Marty Morse for his great year, Paul Wyness for his support off the bench and Sherry Ramsey, who joined the Ms. Kids team during the second semester, for her support in the Ms. Kids drive to compete at the Nationals. Congratulations go out to all of our athletes.

The Champaign-Urbana Optimists did an outstanding job at this year's banquet. We thank them for their continued support.

Fourth year Varsity Award winner Ann Cody congratulated by Gene Vance. *Photo by Curt Beamer*

THE VARSITY AWARD WINNERS

STUDENT/ATHLETE	HOMETOWN	1984-85 BASKETBALL	1984 TRACK & FIELD	1984 TABLE TENNIS
Ann Cody	Groton, NY	4th yr.		
Patrick Daley	Lansing, IL	3rd yr.		
Matthew Darlow	Colonia, NJ	1st yr.		
Joseph Gerardi	Elmhurst, IL	2nd yr.		
Maria Gotfryd	Chicago, IL	2nd yr.		
Charles Graham	Louisiana, MO	2nd yr.		
Vincent Integlia	Middletown, RI			1st yr.
René Keres	Rockford, IL		4th yr.	
Linda Mastandrea	Bolingbrook, IL	1st yr.		
Michael Pallis	Chicago, IL	1st yr.		
Barbara Yoss	Urbana, IL	3rd yr.		

DELTA SIGMA OMICRON

Tim Nugent inducting Don Swift into the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's Hall of Fame. *Photo by Curt Beamer*

Peter Garceau raising the bucks for the U of I Foundation where he works.

"Balloons for you, Mr. Tim. We salute you for what you did for our Mom. Thanks!" says Emily, Betsy and Naphtalie, daughters of Judy Squier.

ALUMNI

ALUMNI HEADLINERS

Master Teacher, Dr. John Holliman with Charles McCall, Dean of College of Medicine, Dr. Sahin, Mrs. Stanton Young, Stanton L. Young, Mrs. Holliman, Martin Jischke, interim President, U. of Oklahoma.

MASTER TEACHER AWARD TO HOLLIMAN

DR. JOHN HOLLIMAN, assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine was the 1985 recipient of the Stanton L. Young Master Teacher Award.

The Master Teacher Award and a $10,000 prize is given annually to a faculty member in the College of Medicine. Nominations are made by medical student leaders and the final selection is made by the dean of the college.

The program definition of Master Teacher was "One who goes beyond excellence in the classroom to touch lives and change attitudes. . . one who is respected for medical professionalism, for personal involvement and for quality as a human being. . . a truly inspiring teacher."

John received his bachelors degree in Physiology from the University of Illinois in 1971 and his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1975. He has been nominated three times for Aesculapian Award for Outstanding Preclinical Faculty, receiving the award in 1981 and 1983. He is also the recipient of the 1984 Harold Scharper Achievement Award.(See Harold Scharper Achievement Award article)

John is a T-10 paraplegic, the result of a road grader accident at age 5. He and his wife, Claudia, live in Oklahoma City.

Summaries of articles from The Norman (Okla.) Transcript, March 3, 1985; The Journal Record, March 7, 1985.

ILLINOIS LICENSURE BOARD MEMBER IS VOCAL OT ADVOCATE

PAM HEAVEN, a 28-year-old woman with cerebral palsy serves as consumer advocate on the Illinois Occupational Therapy Board for Licensure. A graduate of the University of Illinois with a BS in psychology, Pam is employed as program evaluations counselor at the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center in Joliet.

Pam speaks from long personal experience when she advocates the importance of occupational therapy. She states — "It was during the last two years of my college career that I came to fully realize the importance of accessibility and equal opportunity for the disabled. This awareness has stuck with me and I actively fight for a more accessible and more accepting society."

According to Pam, "Through the years, I have carried the skills OT has taught me in countless aspects of my daily independent living. I use OT techniques each day of my life. For this reason, I view OT as an ongoing, life-long process. Each adaptation that makes living easier for the disabled is a further step toward the ultimate destination of independence."

Summary of article in Occupational Therapy Newspaper, April 1985

The Tar Heel of the Week

For him, a wheelchair is just a place where he sits.

At the outset, Chet Mottershead's wheelchair is his most commanding feature. The gridwork of steel and aluminum bars locks the eye and captures the imagination. For at least 5 long minutes the differences between Mottershead and an ambulatory person seem impossible to surmount. And then, in the middle of a conversation, you realize that his disability isn't all that important. The wheelchair stops being a symbol for the man and becomes the place where Mottershead sits.

As President of Tri-County Industries, a facility in Rocky Mount where disabled people are taught work skills, Cheston V. Mottershead has a stake in helping people overcome stereotypes and prejudices against the handicapped. The clients are mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed and vision-or hearing-impaired men and women. They receive vocational evaluation, basic skills education and work experiences that can make them taxpayers instead of tax-users.

Tri-County Industries is a 27,500-square-foot plant where disadvantaged and handicapped people may spend up to five years learning work skills. Last year, 74% of 517 clients left Tri-County to enter jobs, vocational training, college or other programs.

As an advocate for the handicapped, Mottershead knows that the problem is not only making his clients more competitive. It is equally crucial to convince society of their worth.

"I didn't feel limited by the wheelchair," said Mottershead, a handsome man whose bemused smile, tweed jacket and elbow patches imbue his remarks with a professorial air. "The frustrating part was when society limited me."

Mottershead lost his legs in a helicopter crash in Okinawa while in the Marine Corps. Later, while studying for a master's in European history at the University of Illinois, Mottershead wed a young nurse he'd met while hospitalized. In 1967, the couple moved to Rocky Mount where Mottershead found a job teaching at North Carolina Wesleyan College. Within a few years he took a job at Tri-County as Job Placement Director. Several years later, he was running the place.

His work with Tri-County has made Mottershead one of the most visible and effective advocates for the handicapped in North Carolina. His list of distinctions is long but he is proudest of receiving the Governor's Distinguished Service

Award in 1978. He was the first disabled person to receive the honor.

A family man, he says he is content to weed the garden, shoot baskets with his children and beat them at backgammon. "I laugh, I cry, I'm everything that everybody else is. I can't hide this thing. I've got the wheelchair but hopefully, after 20 minutes, people start talking to Chet Mottershead the person instead of Chet Mottershead the wheelchair."
Summary from the Raleigh News and Observer, February 19, 1984.

Blind Skier Sets High Standards

Alexandrian Oftedahl Medal Winner in Minnesota Races

Envision a championship skier – perhaps Bill Johnson recklessly pursuing a downhill gold medal. Now, envision another ski champion – Laura Oftedahl. She recently won two gold medals, in five-kilometer and 10-kilometer cross-country races.

Johnson and Oftedahl pursue different forms of skiing, and their paths to gold medals have been worlds apart. But there is another difference – Oftedahl, of Alexandria, happens to be blind.

There are three classes of blindness. B1 is totally bling; B2 is low partially sighted, any vision less than 20/600; and B3 is high partially sighted, 20/200 to 20/600. Anyone who falls into these three categories are considered legally blind. Oftedahl is classified as a B2.

With the aid of a seeing guide, she won the 5K and 10K races at the National Blind Skiing Championships in Duluth, MN, last month. Soon after she was selected to represent the United States in the World Blind Skiing Championships.

For a blind person to ski, there must be two sets of tracks, one for the sighted guide and one for the blind skier. "You need somebody sighted so you don't go skiing off a cliff. Most places have two sets, anyway. You have to make sure that you ski with someone who skis well enough not to worry about himself. He has to watch you, tell you where other people are on the course. Mostly, he has to be alert. If he forgets to say, 'Turn right.' I can hit a tree."

In 1982, she won her first national championship, a 5K race. "I didn't train a whole lot then. But I quit smoking the day before the national championship in '82. It was probably the best thing I ever did. Since then, because I've been successful, I train all year around."

"Probably the ultimate goal is to ski in the Olympics. We just found out that in Calgary in 1988, they're going to have blind skiing as a demonstration sport. I'll be training as hard as possible for that. It's really something to shoot for.

Actually, what all of us blind athletes want is to be seen as actual *athletes* and not the fact that we're blind. Who knows? Maybe we'll be competing with the abled someday, instead of on our own."
Summary from the Washington Post, March 28, 1985.

Our Alumni in action

"Yuk!" says Gail, as Joe Arcese baits the hook for Joey. George Veenstra in back.

Brownies? Chocolate Chip? Oatmeal? Or all? ponders Jim Tasic.

West Old Timer's Team. L-R: Billy Clem, Bruce Karr, Dean Nosker, Marv Lapicola, Phil Ramsey, Coach Tim Nugent, Don Swift, Bill Fairbanks, Jim Greenblatt, Bill Johnson, Asst. Coach Cliff Crase.

Judy Benoit in air weapons competition at the '83 National Wheelchair Games, Honolulu.

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Early 50's

WAYNE H. BROEREN, Vice President, Thompson Lumber Co. His wife, Cec, is currently the Office Manager for their oldest son, Stuart's S. W. Broeren Construction Company. They continue to live in Champaign.

FRANK CONCI, County Superintendent of Highways, Hardin and Pope County. He has five grown children and lives in Elizabethtown, IL.

C. BENJAMIN GRAHAM, '54, B.A., Chemistry, '58, M.D. University of WA; Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics, Univ. of WA in Seattle and Director of Radiology, Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center. His wife, Pearl is a medical technologist. The Grahams have a grown daughter, Leslie.

Doris Groth and family — Jim, Barb, Doris and David

DORIS SUTTON GROTH works at home as an Income Tax Consultant and Bookeeper. She is an active member of Faith Reformed Church in Kankakee. Her hobbies include embroidery and needlepoint. She has two sons and a daughter.

JANET MARSHALL KRAUSE, '54, B.A., Psych., '59, M.A., Rehab Counseling from the University of Colorado. Teaches candlemaking at Oregon Craft and Floral. She is a member of the Interfaith Marriage Encounter Board. She and her husband, Edward, are a Salem (Oregon) Contact Couple for the Presbyterian Marriage Encounter. They have a daughter, Nancy.

KAY JACKSON KITCHENS and her husband Richard are C.B. Radio enthusiasts and their handles are "Katy-did" and "Birdman." Richard is a technician for Orkin Pest Control.

MARVIN J. LAPICOLA, '56, B.S., Business Administration, M.S., Finance, from N.I.U.; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services in Schaumburg School District #54. President of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and President for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Marvin and wife, Phyllis, have two daughters, Debra and Sandra, and a son, Michael.

ALFRED OELSCHLEGEL, '53, B.S., Accountancy. He and his wife, Harriott, live in North Fort Myers, Florida. They have a daughter, Alana.

JOHN C. PRINCE, '51, B.S., Accountancy; Senior Tax Accountant for Rust-Oleum Corporation in Vernon Hills, IL. He and his wife, Arlene, have 2 Children. Daughter Julie was a 1984 U of I graduate in Electrical Engineering.

The Lapicolas — First row — Phyllis and Marv. Back row — Michael, Debra and Sandra

SALO REBHAN, '53, B.A., Liberal Arts. Salo is a life member in DAV and Eastern PVA. He is a board member of Handicapped Adults Association in New York City, working for accessibility of transportation and recreational activities.

FRED SPRINGE, '54, B.A., '58, M.S. Math; Program Manager at Rockwell International. His wife, Arlene, keeps busy with her volunteer work as Guild Chairman for Anaheim Memorial Hospital. They have three sons and two daughters. He is Secretary/Treasurer for local chapter of California Rare Fruit Growers Association. Fred will retire in 5 years and go into the horticulture business.

JOHN H. STORER is retired from the Chicago Park District and happily married to wife Joan. They live in South Holland, IL.

DON W. SWIFT, '52, B.S., Accountancy; Retired! Don is President of DSO Inc. He and his wife, Gerry, are enjoying life with their 4 + grandchildren.

Late 50's

LYNN A. ARBEEN, '56, B.S., Architecture; Architect for the Chicago Board of Education. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Masons, Shrine Chanters, DAV — Business and Profession Chapter 47. Lynn is also a member of the Thrift Store Executive Board and State Executive Committee. He and his wife, Maria have 3 children.

Lynn A. Arbeen

MARY LOU MEINERT VAN BARRIGER, B.S., Educ., Rockford College; Elementary School Teacher Palm Beach County, FL. She is quite active in the Methodist Church and educational activities related to teaching.

GLEN L. BELLOWS, '59, B.S., Mechanical Engineer; President, Buchanan, Bellows & Associates, Ltd. and **SYLVIA DEAN BELLOWS,** '60, B.A., Psych., B.S., Music Therapy from ISU in 1979. Glen is Region Agent for the Welfare Services Dept. of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and is the chairman of the Town of Normal Heating and Cooling Board. They have 2 sons, Kevin and Peter and a daughter, Alice.

Family of Glen and Sylvia Bellows — Kevin, Peter and Alice

JAMES BOEN, '57, M.S., Mathematics, '59, PhD; Professor of Biometry at University of Minnesota. He and his wife, Dorothy, have 2 children.

CHUCK CHAPMAN, '55, B.S., Journalism and received PhB in 1967 from Northwestern. Chuck is the Coordinator, Editorial Office, Louisiana State Univ. School of Medicine. Recently authored *Medical Dictionary for the Non-Professional.* He and his wife, Kathy, have 7 children.

JOHN B. EARLY is retired after working 18 years at Hewlett-Packard Co. He lives in Mountain View, CA.

MARJORIE NELSON GLOSSOP, '58, B.S., Music Education. She continues to work as a piano teacher and entertainer. She serves as a Trustee for the Dearborn Community Arts Council and is a member of both the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Woman's Association for the Dearborn Orchestral Society. She and husband, Don, have 2 children, Crystal and Dean.

BILL J. ISAACS, '59, M.A., History; Assistant Professor of History, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee. Bill and his wife, Ruth, a retired teacher, have 4 children, John, Simona, Frank, and Mary. The Isaacs live in Bourbonnais, IL.

At home with Tom and Louise Jones

TOM JONES, '59, B.S., Communications, '71, M.S., Television, and **LOUISE FORTMAN JONES**, '61, B.A., Education. Tom is Director of Broadcast Services and Associate Director of News Bureau, Office of Public Affairs for U of I. He was named media director for the Prairie State Games and was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Developmental Services Center in Champaign. Louise is Assistant Registrar for Fee Assessments, Admission and Records, U of I.

ROBERT T. KALOUPEK, '56, B.S., DSSWV; Retired! He is a member of Human Rights Commission and Co-Chairman of Grinnell United Way. Robert is Executive Board member of Mid-Iowa Workshop. His wife, Marjory is a secretary.

KENNETH and **NORMA McCLURE MATHIAS** reside in Crown Point, IN. Norma is a secretary for Lambert Construction and Ken works for Commercial Auto and Truck Supply. Besides 3 children, they have 3 Grand Daughters!

BRUCE ALDENDIFFER McDANIEL, '55, B.A., English Literature, '84, M.S. Science Communicator from Purdue University; self-employed science communicator at The Word smith. She is a member of the American Association for Advancement of Science and the National Association of Science Writers. She has two children, Derek and Hilary. She plans to move to Champaign this year.

JANE KING METIN, '57, B.S., Deaf Education; Copy Editor for the Visually Impaired Center for the Study of Reading. She has 3 daughters – Ann, Nancy and Carrie.

GLENWOOD R. PERKINS, '56, B.F.A., Advertising Design. He recently retired as Eisner's Advertising Manager. Glen is a Secretary of U-U Optimists Club and District

Bob Kaloupek

Lt. Governor of the Optimist Club. He is also a member of the American Legion and Illinois Archaeological Society. His wife, Marge is a retired nurse.

RUTH ROGERS is an Accounting Analyst with Caterpillar Tractor Co. She has a daughter, Laura, and a grandson, Mitchell. Ruth lives in Peoria, IL.

DAVID L. SCHMIDT received his Mechanical Engineering degree from Bradley University in 1961. He is currently employed as an engineer with the Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. He and his wife, Marylee, have 3 children – Paul, Jennifer and Sarah.

LEAH TRUXELL TAGG, '55, B.S., Music Ed., received an A.A. in Secretrial Science at Fullerton College; Material Assistant, Subcontracts Administration. She gives Marriage Encounter weekends for United Methodists. Leah and her husband, Charles, a Staff Engineer, have a son, Brian.

MARSHALL WALT, '59, B.S., '60, M.S., Math; Advisory Programmer, IBM. He is on the Arbitration Board of the Better Business Bureau and a member of the Rollers of Central Kentucky, a handicapped organization. He and his wife, LeVon, have 2 children and live in Lexington, KY.

BRUCE WIEMER, '59, B.S., Accountancy; Self-Employed Accountant. His hobby is collecting railroad antiques.

Ken and Norma Mathias

Early 60's

LLOYD ACKLAND, '61, B.S., General Agriculture; Self-Employed Farmer. He and his wife, Carolyn, have 2 children, Lisa and Todd.

MARGARET J. ALLISON, '61, M.S., Library Science; She is a member of the Crescendo Music Club, Civic Club and the Association for American University Women. Currently retired, Margaret lives in Cherryvale, Kansas.

MARY BRAMER, '60, B.S., English and Social Studies, '67, M.Ed.; English Teacher in Elgin. Mary recently completed her autobiography *This is My Story, This is My Song*. Naturally, Tim is included in her story.

DONALD L. DONEY, '62, B.A., F.A.A., Architecture; Owner Donald L. Doney Associates Architects in Champaign. Don was rather ill this past year but is perking up. He is active in

Gary Ervin with his bride, Patricia

Twin City Bible Church and was President of Construction Specifications Institute in 1980 and 81. He and his wife, Shirley, have 4 children.

RON DUGAN, '64, B.S., '70, M.S. Math Education; Math Teacher at Downers Grove High School South. He is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, IL Council of Teachers of Mathematics, National Spinal Cord Injury Association. His highlight of the past year was visiting his 1½ year old niece.

GARY ERVIN, '62, B.S., '63, M.A., Accountancy; Administrator for Cal. State University. Recently married to Patricia, an account clerk, (his favorite employee). They have 2 daughters, Stacey and Shelly.

CARL F. FAUST, JR., '61, B.S., Finance and received his MBA from Harvard. He works in investment management at First Chicago Investment Advisors. Carl and his wife, Julia, have 2 children, Karen and Stan.

IRA M. FRANK, '61, B.A., '65, M.S., Physiology, '66, M.D.; Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst. He is Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA. Ira is a member of the American Psychiatric Association and American Psychoanalytic Association. He has 3 children, Sharon, David and Lisa.

FRANK GARRATT, '64, B.A., English, '65, M.A., Education; Frank is the Executive Dean in Academic and Student Affairs for Tacoma Community College. Frank is on the Publication Board for the Washington English Journal and is also a board member for the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association. He and his wife, Carol, have 2 children, Doug and Linda.

RICHARD C. GASSMAN, '62, B.A., Economics; Vice President, Compensation, Mt. Carmel Health, Columbus, OH. He has 2 children and lives in Gahanna, OH.

GEORGE L. HILL, '61, B.A., '62, M.A., Economics; Methods & Procedures Advisor for the Illinois Board of Education. He is an active church member married to **DARLEEN ENDRESS HILL**, '58, B.S., Education. She works as a clerk for the Bureau of Personnel – Dept. of Central Management Services for the State of IL. She is membership chairman for the St. John's Lutheran Church. Darleen is a member of the Sangamon County Genealogical Association and a member of the Interagency Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped.

BOB HUTCHINS, '60, Journalism. Retired after 23 years as Editor of Plymouth, IN Pilot-News. He is an active member of Palms Pres-

The Kellers — Jerene, Steven, Leon. Standing — Verna, Robert, Ronda Ann

byterian Church and Jacksonville Beaches Quarterback Club. He and his wife, Jackie, reside in Atlantic City, FL.

HELEN B. JONES, '61, B.S., Liberal Arts and her M.A. from Hunter College in 1963. Helen is an instructor in De Anza College's Physically Limited Program. Helen and her late husband, Terry, have 2 children, Glynnis and Siobhan.

LEON KELLER, '62, M.S., Aero Engr.; RETIRED! Married to **JERENE CHRISTENSEN KELLER,** '63, B.S., Home Economics. He is currently working toward obtaining a pilot's license. They have 4 children and reside in Madison, AL.

LYNDA L. KOOPMAN, '62, B.S., '67, M.S., Math; Senior Processing Geophysicist at Shell Development Co., Houston, TX.

GLORIA CHIN LEE, '61, B.S., Communications; She and her husband, Bin, who is an engineer, live in Escondido, CA.

JAN LITTLE, '61, B.S., Journalism, '65, M.S., Communication; Director of the Mobility Center — Industry Consultant. Jan is on the Executive Committee of the Rehab Engineering Society of North America and the Advisory Committee, College of Engineering, University of Virginia. She is also a member of the Southwest Research Institute and on the Editorial Board for Marquis Who's Who.

JERRY L. McDOWELL, '66, Commerce from SIU; Owner of McDowell-Murvin Insurance Agency, Inc. Jerry is a member of Elks, Eagles, Independent Insurance Agents Association. He and his wife, Ruth Ann, who is a legal secretary, live in Olney, IL.

CHARLES R. MILLNER is an Electrical Estimator at Kaiser Electric. He and his wife, Sherry, have one son, Patrick, and 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, and live in St. Louis, MO.

WILLIAM S. NEWTON is a member of the Indoor Sports Club, the National Space Institute, and the LS Society. He firmly supports the space program and believes "mankind's future development will be in space." He is retired and watches the "scenery" on the beach.

HARRIET ROVICK NISSENBAUM, '62, B.A., English. She teaches High School Spanish in Santee, CA. She and her husband, David, live in San Diego with their 2 sons, Mark and Adam.

IRENE OSTHOFF, '61, M.Ed, Guidance and Counseling, '70, Ph.D., Ed. Psych; Psychology Professor at Cottey College and lives in Nevada, MO.

ROGER D. ROBINSON received his MBA in Business at Pepperdine University. Roger is the Manager of Engineering Services for Barry Controls. He is a member of the National Computer Graphics Association and loves golf and the L.A. Dodgers. He and his wife, Susan, live in Burbank, CA.

BETTE HENLEIN SALEM, '62, B.A., Creative Writing, '70, M.A., Advertising. Bette and her husband, Mahmoud have 3 children, Robb Ann, Mark, Mahmoud, Jr.

PAUL D. SONES, '62, B.S., Aero Engr., '63, M.S. from MIT in Aero Engineering and Astronautics; Senior Engineer, Raytheon Co., Bedford, MA. Paul is a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Massachusetts Arms Collectors and the Bay Colony Weapons Collectors. He and his wife, Sheila, have 4 children.

JACK L. SPRING, B.A. from Sangamon State State University in '79; Senior Underwriter at Horace Mann Educators. He is a member of IL Casualty and Property Underwriters Association, current President of Midwest Wheelchair Basketball Conference and member of the Springfield Spoke Jockeys who took 2nd place in the 1985 NWBT. Congratulations, Jack! His wife, Dee Ann, is a doctor's assistant.

HARRY E. STEWART, '61, B.S., Accountancy, '64, J.D.; Attorney, Dukes, O'Rourke, Stewart, ET. A.L. His wife, Marty, is an R.N. Their son, Les, is 17, and daughter, Meghan, is 15.

THOMAS F. TULLY, '60, B.A., Architecture; Structural/Computer Engineer with Alfred A. Yee Division, Leo A. Daly Co. Architects, Engineers, Planners. His wife, Virginia, is the Director of Occupational Therapy at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific. They have 2 daughters, Melissa and Cristin.

KENNETH M. VISTE, JR., '62, B.S., '66, M.D. at Northwestern Med School; Neurologist. He is President of the WI Neurological Society, member of the Board of Directors of the State Medical Society of WI. Ken was an alternate WI delegate to the American Medical Association. He has 2 sons, Ken, Doran, and a daughter, Kari.

The Stewart family — Marty and Harry, Les and Meg

CHARLES E. WHITMAN, '62, B.S., Mechanical Engineering, RETIRED! He and his wife, Jeraldine, reside in St. Peters, MO.

SHARON WILKIN, '63, B.A., Psychology, '65, M.Ed.; Equal Opportunity Specialist for U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, DC. She is a member of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association and Chairman of the Advisory Council of Independence Center of Northern VA.

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PAUL R. AHRENS, '68, B.S., Electrical Engineering; Engineer WI Electrical Power Co. in Milwaukee. Paul is the Secretary for Spirit of WI Wheelchair Basketball Team. He and his wife, Janet, live with their 2 children, Samuel and Sarah, in New Berlin, WI.

ROBERT M. ARHELGER, '65, B.A., History, '68, J.D. from Stanford; Senior Corporation Counsel for the California Dept. of Corporations. He is a member of Disabled in State Services.

JUDY BENOIT, '66, B.A., Psych., '79, M.S. in Therapeutic Recreation at San Jose State University; Executive Director of Far West Athletic Association. She is a member of the NWAA Board of Directors and Treasurer, Far West Regional Representative to NWAA and Far West Target Masters Air Rifle Team.

DANIEL C. BRYANT, JR., '69, B.A., History, '73, J.D.; Legal Council for the Kemper Insurance Group and is a member of various bar associations. Daniel lives in Winnetka, IL.

R. BURDETTE ORRIS, '65, B.A., Psychology; Job Service of Iowa, Davenport and his wife, **JANE BAUER ORRIS,** '68, B.S., Psychology, is a Claims Specialist at Job Service of Iowa. They have 2 daughters, Amanda 9, and Elaine 4, and reside in Eldridge, IA.

ALICE SMITH COLEMAN, '69, M.S.W., Psychiatric Social Work Supervisor, Delaware State Hospital. Board Member for the Delaware Curative Workshop and the Mental Health Association. She serves as an usher and Sunday School Teacher. Her husband, Norwood, is Director of Human Development Project, Dept. of Drug Abuse, Alcholism and Mental Health for State of Del. and Professor for the Dept. of Human Services at Lincoln University. The Colemans have 2 sons, Norwood and Michael.

MARILYN R. COYNER, '68, M.S., Speech Pathologist at Rock Island Public Schools. Marilyn is a member of her church council and likes to travel and play bridge.

LINDA C. DAVIDSON, '66, B.S., Chemistry; Project Supervisor at Dow Chemical Co., Midland, MI. She is active in church and a member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association Support Group.

JOANNA CORNETT DUNN, '68, B.A., Psych., '70, M.Ed., Education; Self-employed Therapist. She likes art, photography, sewing and writing. Her husband, Thomas, is a jet propulsion technician. They recently moved to Ridgecrest, CA.

ANNE GRAVER EDWARDS, '66, B.S., English, '67, M.S.L.S., Library Science; Geography, history and philosophy Librarian at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is on the Board of Directors for Opportunities,

The Mason's — Michael, Conny, Barbara and Thomas

Unlimited, member for 6 years on Missouri Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. She recently was awarded a plaque "For Exemplary Service in Enhancing the Status of Persons with Disabilities at the University of Missouri-Columbia" as part of the University's First Annual Equal Opportunity Awareness Week. Congratulations, Anne!

FREDERICK A. FAY, '67, B.S., Psychology, '70, M.S., Rehab Counseling, '73, Ph.D., Educational Psychology; retired Psychologist & Rehab Consultant. Fred is the Co-founder and Past President of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (ACCD) and was selected by U.S. Jaycees as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America. In 1980, he received the ACCD Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Linda Martindale, are in the process of getting a friendly no-fault divorce. Their son, Derick, graduated from Milton Academy as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, June, 1985.

JAMES M. FORKER, '67, B.S., Physics; Senior Engineer for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pittsburgh and lives in Monroeville, PA.

JUANITA L. HALL, '67, M.S., Education Psychology; Juanita received her Ph.D. from IIT. She is a school Social Worker for the Board of Education in Chicago.

BILL HAMILTON, '68, B.S., Commerce; and **KATHY BUETTNER HAMILTON**. Bill works as the Deputy General Manager at the Regional Airport Authority in Louisville, KY. He is Chairman of the Board of Examiners — American Association of Airport Executives. Kathy is Secretary for the Fairview Homemakers, Piano Tutor, and Blue ribbon winner in sewing.

D. MICHAEL HIBBS, '68, B.S., Math. He is currently living in Vinton, IA and his support of SIGMA SIGNS is greatly appreciated.

MARY ELLEN KOBLITZ KRAMER is currently a student in Library Science. Her husband, Ken, is a Research Chemist. They have 2 children, Danielle and David. Mary Ellen volunteers in school libraries and loves museums.

GERALD W. KORTNESS, '65, B.A., Architecture; Owner, G. W. Kortness, Assoc. Inc. He and his wife, Kathleen, have 3 children — Craig, Paul and Kris. He is on the Board of Directors for WI Easter Seal Society, President of Spooner Little League and he enjoys hunting and fishing.

KEN KROLL, '65, B.S., Communications; Owner, Kroll Advertising, Inc. He and his wife, Karen, live in St. Louis, MO along with their 2 children, Beth and Clay.

DONALD W. KRUMREY, '65, B.S., Mathematics; Programmer/Analyst for the Baha'i National Center, Evanston, IL. Don recently went on a Baha'i pilgrimage to Haifa, Israel and had an Aortic heart valve replaced last October with a new metal one.

ALAN E., '68, B.S., Political Science; Assistant District Attorney for Milwaukee County and **SUSAN PIERCE LOVE**, is a Librarian. She is President of UCP of Southeastern WI and national board member. Alan is a legal advisor to Women Pro Se and is a member of the National Reciprocal Family Support Association.

CONNY JOE MASON, '66, B.S., Communications; President of The Batting Cage, Inc. Conny and his wife, Barbara, live in Quincy, IL with their 2 children, Michael and Thomas.

EVELYN MULRY MOORE, '69, B.A., Sociology; Assistant Administrator, Dept. of Public Aid, Champaign County. She is a member of the Human Services Council and the IL Welfare Association. Evelyn and her husband, Dick, have 3 children, Karen, Doug and Judd.

Evelyn Moore and son, Judd

SAUL J. MORSE, '69, B.A., History, '72, J.D.; Lawyer, Saul J. Morse & Assoc. Ltd. He is a charter board member of the Springfield Center for Independent Living. Saul was appointed by Governor Thompson to Election Laws Reform Commission. Saul and his wife, Anne, are expecting a baby soon.

JIM MORTON, '65, B.S., Journalism, '69, M.Ed. Jim lives in Princeton, IN.

CHESTON MOTTERSHEAD, JR., '67, M.A., History; President, Tri County Industries. Chet and his wife, Riki, have 4 children and reside in Rocky Mount, NC.

NANCY PRICE O'LOUGHLIN is a Secretary to the International Advisor for West Texas State. She was the runner-up for Handicapped Working Woman of the Year presented by the Panhandle area Pilot Club. She has a son, Dennis, who is 14 years old.

JAMES PANEBIANCO, '67, B.F.A., Graphic Design; President, J.F. Panebianco, Inc. Appointed to Board of Directors of Access Living

Carolyn and John Schwebel

of Metropolitan Chicago and chairing Public Affairs Committee.

CAROLYN YASHKO SCHWEBEL, '65, B.A., English, '66, M.Ed., Voc. Rehab Counseling, '71, Ed.D; School Psychologist at Middletown Schools. Her husband, John, works as a computer scientist for Bell Laboratories. Carolyn is a member of various psychological associations. She enjoys writing poetry, reading and using their Macintosh computer.

WILLIAM A. SHANAHAN, '68, B.S., Physics; received his Ph.D. from Princeton in '72. He works as a Theoretical Physicist in Los Alamos Scientific Lab. Was honored this past year with the Harold Scharper Achievement Award.

JUDITH A. SQUIER, '68, M.S., Speech Pathologist. Judy is a full time mother to 3 daughters — Emily, Betsy and Naphtalie. Her husband, David, is an electrical engineer for Lockheed.

CHARLES STENBERG, '68, Ph.D., Physics; Physicist at Argonne National Laboratories and his wife, **KAY WISHART STENBERG**, '67, B.S., Political Science and received her M.A. in Business from George Williams College in 1979. Kay is Supervisor of Information Systems & Personnel at Argonne. She is the Vice President of Toastmasters; Lecturer and Workshop Leader of Governor's Task Force Conference, Disabled Unemployment and International Human Rights Agencies Conference.

BARBARA M. SURBER, '65, B.A., Speech Correction, '67, M.S. from SIU in Speech Pathology; Staff Speech Pathologist, Dayton VA Medical Center in Ohio. She remains active in local, state, and national Speech & Hearing

George Veenstra's son, Garrick, with his catch at the DAV Springfield Picnic

David Michael Boddy

Associations. Her husband, Terry, is completing an Engineering Degree at the University of Dayton.

GEORGE VEENSTRA, '66, B.S., Math and Physical Science, '69, M.Ed.; Math Teacher, Springfield School District. George is Treasurer for the NWBA and player/coach for the Springfield Spoke Jockeys Basketball Team. He and his wife, Jean, have 3 sons.

CONRAD H. ZIERDT III, '68, B.S., Psych., '70, M.Ed., Rehab Counseling; Certified Rehab Counselor and Teacher's Aide, Good Shepherd Home. Recently awarded a certificate for service by Operation Overcome of the Lehigh Valley. Conrad is a member of the Student and Advisory Committee for Disabled Studies Dept. at Northampton County Area Community College.

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JOSEPH ARCESE, '70, B.S., Finance; Comptroller, SIU School of Medicine. He is a Commissioner of Springfield Planning & Zoning Commission and President of the Springfield Wheelchair Athletic Association. He is Editor for a national newsletter — Assoc. of Medical Colleges. Joe and his wife, Gail, have a daughter, Jennifer, and son, Joel.

RANDOLPH W. AXT, '72, B.S., Education Social Studies; Coordinator at South Range and Superior, WI Washington and Nemadji Elementary Library Media and Audio Visual Center. He is President of the UCP of Northwest WI, Vice Pres. and Camp Chairman of the Douglas County Easter Seal Society and is a member and Deacon of the 1st Presbyterian Church.

CAROL ANN BALCOM, '72, M.L.S., Library Science; Retired! Carol is recognized as a woman of achievement by Amherst/Milford AAUW. She does volunteer work with kids through Cooperative Extension. Carol lives in Nashua, NH.

DONNA MILLER BATELAAN, '71, B.A., Education, owner of Action Mobility Products and Services, Inc. She is currently the President of Zonta Club of Lake Worth and is a member of the Private Industry Council. Her husband, David, is a manager at IBM.

BARBARA A. BAUER, '74, B.A., English, '77, M.A., Special Education, '82, Ph.D., Education. Barbara currently resides in Champaign, IL.

RICHARD L. BIANCHI, '74, B.A., History, '76, M.Ed.; Chapter 1 Reading Program, LaSalle-Peru Twp. High School, LaSalle, IL. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi (Honor Society in Education), and the American Historical Society.

MICHAEL S. BODDY, '73, B.S. Ag. Science and **DONNA STAPEL BODDY**, '73, B.A., Political Science. Mike is owner of Datavision, Micro-computer Sales & Support and Donna works for Human Resource Consulting. They are the proud parents of *active* David Michael.

THOMAS F. BROWN, '71, B.S., Music Ed., '72, M.S., Therapeutic Recreation; Chief, Recreational Services at Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Tom is Assistant Commissioner for NWBA and a member of NWAA. He and his wife, Susan, have 2 sons, Matthew and Joel.

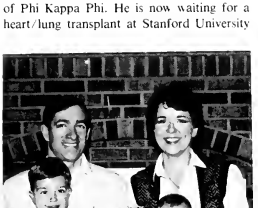
DAVID BUSE, B.S. and M.A. in Education from New Mexico State University; Special Education Teacher, Las Cruces Public Schools. He is a member of NEA - Las Cruces Board and is Commissioner on Human Rights Commission for New Mexico. He and his wife, Susan, who is also a teacher, have a son, Matthew.

BARNEY R. CARGILE, '70, B.S., '73, M.S., Accounting; and received his Ph.D. from University of Missouri in 1979. He is Associate Professor, School of Accountancy, Alabama University. Barney is a member of various accounting associations and is a member of the Faculty Senate for the University of Alabama. Barney and his wife, Mickey, have 3 children — Sheryl, Andrew, and Clinton.

MARY JANE CERA, M.Ed. at University of Arizona. She is a teacher and Elementary Coordinator at Kino Learning Center.

VICTORIA L. COVINGTON, '71, Master of Music, '81, Ph.D., Music Education; Associate Professor of Piano and Head of the Piano Dept. at Baldwin-Wallace College, Conservatory of Music, Berea, OH.

KENT O. DANA, '72, B.S., Math; Programmer Analyst on leave of absence from University Texas Health Science Center. Kent is a certified Braille Transcriber, pianist, and member of Phi Kappa Phi. He is now waiting for a heart/lung transplant at Stanford University



The Felte's — Rich and Anita with Michael and Kevin

Mary Pat and Ernie Hodge

Medical Center. He encourages everyone to sign an organ donor card.

JEFFREY D. DETRAY, '74, B.S., Communications; Publisher for C.W. Communications, Inc. Jeff lives in Troy, NH.

ROBERT N. DREW, '71, M.Ed., Education; Teacher at Urbana High School and has applied for the "Teacher in Space" program and hopes he will be selected to go on the shuttle in 1986. He has 3 children — Shannon, Kerry and Molly.

ROSE ANN FABER, '74, M.S.W., School of Social Work; Planner Minnesota State Planning Agency. She is a Board member for the National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota and Secretary for their Metro Chapter.

LINDA MARTINDALE FAY is a physician in her second year of Residency in Family Medicine at the Providence Hospital in Washington, DC. She is a member of the American Academy of Family Medicine and the American Society of Handicapped Physicians. She has a son, Derick, who is 17 years old.

RICHARD FELTES, '70, B.S., Agricultural Industries, received his MBA from SIU in 1972; Assistant Vice President for Research, Continental Grain Co.'s World Grain Division, Chicago, IL. Rich is currently Chairman of the UI Advisory Committee on International Agriculture. He and his wife, Anita, have 2 sons, Michael and newborn, Kevin.

NANCY BERRIE GIVENS, '70, B.S., Commerce; Teaches physically impaired intermediate students at Eisenhower Elementary in Clearwater, FL. She is serving as President-Elect of Florida Federation Council for Exceptional Children and is President of Pilot Club of Mid-Pinellas.

ROBERT HARSHBARGER, '70, B.S., Communication — Radio-TV, '76, M.S.W.; Social Worker, Danville VA Medical Center. Bob is a DJ at WDAN on weekends. He and his wife, Beverly, a school teacher, have 5 children.

ERNEST HODGE, '72, B.S., Aero Engineering; Mechanical Engineer Westinghouse and **MARY PAT VAN OSDOL HODGE**, '70, B.S., Elementary Education; Teacher, Pinellas County School System. Mary and Ernie live in Clearwater, FL and continue to be active in wheelchair sports.

JOHN H. HOLLIMAN, '71, B.S., Physiology, earned M.D. from Univ. of Oklahoma. John is a physician with the Univ. of OK

The Linster's — Chick, Doris and 6 year old Katie

Health Services Center at OK Memorial Hospital. His wife, Claudia, is an attorney and Financial Planner in Oklahoma City.

DOUGLAS M. KARLEN, '71, B.A., History, '74, J.D. He is an attorney for the Chicago Title Insurance Company. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and also the Chairman of Real Estate Taxation Committee.

SANDRA PEER KUBBS, '71, B.S., Psych; Professional Liaison to La Leche League International and a retired Group Leader. Sandra and her husband, Alan, have 5 children — Andrea, Dimitri, Melina, Ana, and Tazio.

CHARLES LINSTER, '73, B.A., History; Rehabilitation Assistant of the U.S. Dept. of Education in Chicago. He is Legislative Chairman and a member of the Board of Directors of the IL Rehabilitation Association. He is also President of the Riverside Toastmasters. Chick and his wife, Doris, are in the process of adopting their first child. Congratulations!

REBECCA J. MATHENY, '73, B.S., Home Economics. Rebecca is a Registered Dietician and currently is a Ph.D. student at U of I.

LAURA OFTEDAHL, '74, B.S., Communications, Radio-TV; Director of Public Affairs, American Council of the Blind. Laura is a member of U.S. Blind Nordic Ski Team and Director of Ski for Light, Inc. She represented the blind population at bill signing ceremony in White House Oval Office, "Voting Accessibility for the Elderly & Handicapped Act," Sept. '84.

Kent Potter

MILES O'LOUGHLIN, '70, B.A., English, received J.D. from Univ. of TX in '78; Owner of Panstar Oil & Gas, Inc. He and his wife, Leslie, live in Amarillo. His son, Dennis, is now 14 years old.

EUGENE E. PLANTE, '74, B.S., Education, M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from EIU; Technical Writer/Plato Courseware Developer, Hyster Co. He is a member of the American Legion, DVA and Danville Elk's Lodge. He and his wife, Thora, have one grown son.

MICHAEL POLLACK, '73, B.S., Arch Studies, '76, MBA, Architecture; Cost Accounting Manager for International Aluminum Corp. He and his wife, Susan, have 2 children, Aaron and newborn, Julie. They live in Granada Hills, CA.

KENT F. POTTER, '70, B.S., Architecture; Architect for NASA. Kent is a member of National Trust for Historical Preservation. He enjoys hiking, horse back riding and lives in Columbia, MD.

DWIGHT W. PULSFUS, '71, B.A., English Ed, '74, J.D.; Attorney for Sauk City, WI. Dwight and his wife, Jay, a teacher, have a son, David.

DIANA B. RICHARDSON, '70, M.S., Ther. Rec., received her Ph.D. in Education Administration from the Univ. of Miami in 1983; Assistant Professor of Recreation at Univ. of Maryland. She is the Director of Therapeutic Recreation Management Labor.

MARILYN K. SCHMALZ, '70, B.S., Psych., '71, B.S. in O.T. from Univ. of Puget Sound, '79, M.S. in Allied Medicine from Ohio State Univ.; Occupational Therapist/Counselor/Instructor in Independent Living Program at Roosevelt Institute for Rehabilitation. She is a member of various rehabilitation associations and is in the process of getting her van adapted.

SYLVIO J. SCORZA, '72, Ph.D., Linguistics; Professor of Religion, Northwestern College. Member of the Society of Biblical Lit. and American Schools for Oriental Research; Postal Tournament Director, Iowa State Chess Association. He and his wife, Phyllis, have 3 grown children.

JEFF SIDERS, '72, B.S., Finance; Insurance Underwriter, Kentucky Central Life, Lexington, KY. Just finished 3 years on Village Council of Lodi, OH. Likes reading and personal computers.

DAVID STANGER, '74, B.S., Finance; Regional Credit/Collection Specialist, Honeywell, Inc. He and his wife, Regina, have 2 daughters, Cheryl and Erica. Dave continues to be active in wheelchair sports and is a member of Lakeshore Riders Wheelchair Basketball Team.

KAREN J. STERMER, '73, B.S., Psych.; Computer Programmer for Sargent & Lundy Engr. She teaches a computer course at Sargent & Lundy and is a member of the Arthritis Foundation.

RICHARD SYGULLA, '70, J.D., Attorney. He is Secretary of the Sheldon Lions and member of the Iroquois County Board. He and his wife, Fran, have a grown daughter and live in Sheldon, IL.

JAMES N. TAYLOR, '72, B.S., Accountancy; Accountant for Carson International at O'Hare Field and plays wheelchair basketball for the Chicago Sidewinders.

ROD VLIEGER, '73, B.S., Agricultural Engineering; Consultants Engineer for E.A. Hickok and Associates. He and his wife, Norine, an Administrative Assistant, live in Des Moines, IA.

JERRY R. VOIGT, '74, B.S., Architecture Studies; Architect, Associates West Inc. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Lander Board of Adjustments and Trustee — Lander BPOE #2317. He resides in Lander, WY.

WILLIAM J. WELSH, '70, M.Ed., Rehab Counseling; Vocational Rehab Counselor, Maryland Rehabilitation Center. Bill continues to support SIGMA SIGNS and lives in Baltimore, MD.

MARY "FOOTE" WOLFE, '74, B.S., Math Ed.; Math and Physics Teacher at Driscoll Catholic High School in Addison, IL. She is on the Board of Directors for United Ostomy Association, its state representative and Counselor for UOA Youth Rally. She enjoys swimming.

Late 70's

SUSAN CHAPLINSKY, '75, B.S., Economics, received MBA and Ph.D. from the Univ. of Chicago Graduate School. Susan is Assistant Professor of Finance, Grad. School of Business, Univ. of Michigan.

ASHISH PAL CHOUDRY, '77, M.S., Civil Engineer; Structural Engineer for Federal Highway Administration. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Concrete Institute. He and his wife, Marilyn, who is a teacher, live in Springfield, IL.

DAVID B. COLLINS, '79, M.Ed.; Rehab Counselor, Lester E. Cox Medical Center, Springfield, MO. Dave is the President of the Springfield Chapter of National Head Injury Foundation and Co-Chairman on Missouri Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Dave and his wife, Valerie, have 2 children, Kerry and Kimberly.

JAMES R. CONLEY, JR., '76, B.S., Ac-

Dave Collins and his girls — Val, Kerry and Kimberly

countancy, '78, J.D. He is a C.P.A. and has his own law practice in Carmi, IL. Jim is a member of IL Bar Association, the Tri-County Bar Association, American C.P.A. Society and the IL C.P.A. Society. He is President of the Carmi Rotary Club, a member of the Enfield Lions Club, the Enfield Masonic Club and is the Enfield, IL Village Attorney. His wife, Cindy, is also a C.P.A. and partner in Conley C.P.A. office.

JOAN COSTELLO, '75, B.S., Communications. She lives in Holmes Beach, FL.

KATHY CUMMINGS, Ag. Ed. from SIU in 1980. She is a horticulture instructor at the Quest Center in Broward County Schools and lives in Hollywood, FL.

SHADI S. DABIT, '77, B.S., Business Administration, MBA, and J.D. from the Univ. of Oklahoma in 1980. He is Manager of the Saudi American Bank in Saudi Arabia.

THOMAS C. EHLEBRACHT, '77, B.S., Accountancy; C.P.A. Controller, Investors Capital Corporation. Member of IL C.P.A. Society, Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma and lives in Homewood, IL.

WILLIAM G. GOUTY, '75, M.A., History; Teacher in Valley Park, MO.

JANIS BROWN GRONER, '76, B.S. Psych., '78, M.S.W.; Social Worker for Aid to Retarded Citizens. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and is on the Editorial Advisor Committee for Land of Lincoln. Janis and her husband, Guy, live in Springfield, IL.

JAMES HALL received a B.A. degree in Geography from Univ. of South Florida in 1981. He is an environmental technician for the Environmental Protection Commission of Tampa, FL.

MARTIN J. HAYES, '79, M.S., Library Science; Librarian for the Chicago Public Library.

JOHN HUFFMAN, '75, M.A., Labor and Industrial Relations; Personnel/Veterans Administration. John is Chairman for the Administration Board of Christ United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Edythe, a librarian, live with their son, John Marc, in Milwaukee, WI.

LARRY LABIAK, '76, B.S., Communications – Radio-TV, '84, M.S., Communications – Advertising; Owner of L & L Enterprises, Durable Medical Equipment Sales. He is a member of IHSA and is a certified referee for NWBA. He's still trying to perfect a decent backhand return down the line in basketball.

LARRY LEVIN, '79, B.S., Computer Science/Mathematics; Senior Software Engineer for System Development Co. and a part-time Instructor/Lecturer, Villanova University. His wife, Lorraine, is a nursing student.

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DANIEL P. WINKLER, '78, M.A., Russian Linguistics; Programmer/Analyst, M & I Marshall & Ilsley Bank, Milwaukee, WI. Daniel and his wife, Lynn, who is a registered nurse, have a four year old daughter, Sarah.

DAVID WISHART, '78, B.A., Economics, '81, M.S., '85, Ph.D., Economics; Dave is Assistant Professor of Economics at Wittenberg University. He has been nominated for a Fulbright Award to teach in Jordan beginning in October '85 through the summer of '86.

STEPHEN M. ZUMBO, '78, B.A., Rhetoric, '80, M.S., Library Science; Reference Librarian at Chicago Ridge Public Library. He will be Vice President of South Suburban Libraries in 1985-86.

Early 80's

Jeff Hately and son, Doug, at the DAV Springfield Picnic. *Photo by J.S. Nugent*

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ROBERT E. HALE, Professor of Psychology at St. Louis University. He is a member of

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Sigma Xi and the American Stat Association. Robert and his wife, Betty, have 2 children and live in St. Louis, MO.

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DANIEL NEUMAN is a Graduate student at the University of Northern Colorado. His wife, Jill, is a student at Northern Colorado in Deaf Education. He likes to ski!

Dan Neuman, his bride, Jill, and her niece and nephew, Amy and Paul. Congratulations!

TOM SILKEY, '81, B.S., Health & Safety Education; Health Educator in Savage, MN. Tom is a member of the 504 (Scott County) Advisory Committee in MN, Handi-Ham and Foster Parent for respite care. He and his wife, Jean, a registered nurse, have a daughter, Mikaela.

SHARON SPELLMAN, '81, B.S., Therapeutic Recreation; Recreation Therapist at Curative Rehabilitation Center in Milwaukee, WI. She is a former Vice President of DSO and a member of National Recreation & Park Association. She has a 1 year old son, Sean. Congratulations, Sharon!

DAN ROBINSON, '81, B.S., Social Work. Dan is currently a law student at Lewis & Clark, and works as a clerk. Dan likes to dabble in politics and will continue work on federal legislation regarding national attendant care program.

RICHARD WEBSTER, '81, B.S., Leisure Studies, '84, M.S., Therapeutic Recreation from IN University. Richard is an instructor and TR specialist at Lake Superior State College, Dept. of Physical Education and Recreation. His wife, Barbara, is a domestic engineer. They live in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

In Memorium

MARK BEHRENT died at home on February 25, 1985. He was born on December 29, 1953, a son of Ben and Patsy Burroughs Behrent. Survivors include his father and stepmother, Michele, of Pawnee, IL; his grandmother, Mattie Lumsden of Springfield; two brothers, Kurt of Springfield and Michael of Pawnee; three sisters, Connie Sams and Terry Lynn Behrent of Pawnee and Kim Hart of Springfield, MO. He was preceded in death by his mother. Mark was a chemical engineer with U.S. Industrial Chemicals Co., Tuscola, a member of the Chemical Engineering Society, the Pawnee United Methodist Church, Black Knights Basketball Team and DSO.

JAMES E. SEYBOLD died on June 8, 1984, after a lengthy battle with cancer in Albuquerque, NM. A 1960 graduate of UI in Journalism, he founded the ZTA Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and served as its president from 1967-69. He received his M.Ed from U. NM in 1969 and held jobs as a teacher and DVR Counselor. Jim later became National PVA's first salaried Research Director and served on a panel for Research Programs to Aid the Handicapped of the Committee on Science and Technology, U.S. House of Representatives. He was also the project director for National Training Conference and prototype workshop to create and improve rehabilitation services for disabled veterans. Jim is survived by his wife, Olivia, and his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Reid Seybold.

Note: A Senior Citizen's Housing Facility now under construction in Albuquerque will be named after Jim in honor of his dedicated service.

DR. STEPHEN (TERRY) M. JONES died on March 29, 1985, after a long illness. He received his B.S. Degree in Psychology in 1961 at U of I and his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1967 from Columbia University. He worked as a Clinical Psychologist at the V.A. Hospital in Palo Alto, CA and also had a private practice. He is survived by his wife, Helen Byard Jones and daughters, Glynnis and Siobhan.

LINDA CODY died in August, 1984. She received her B.S. Degree in Health and Safety Education in 1978 from the U of I and worked as a Program Planner for the Chicago Board of Education.

WILLIAM GENE SMITH died on February 27, 1985 in Long Beach, CA. He received a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1970 from the U of I. He was the Gizz Kids Captain in '67-'68 and DSO's Treasurer in '68. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the National Association of Accountants and served on the Board of an Independent Living Center.

ARTHUR RUDOLPH WILDHAGEN died on September 7, 1984 at Carle Arbours Nursing Home, Savoy. He was born May 18, 1911, in Palatine. He received his B.S. in Journalism in 1933 and M.S. in Political Science in 1937 from the UI. He worked for the UI for 43 years and retired as Science Editor of the university news bureau in the Office of Public Affairs. He was honored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education as one of the nation's foremost science writers.

He was an Honorary Life Member of Delta Sigma Omicron, a member of National Association of Science Writers, Sigma Delta Chi journalism honorary; Monticello Railroad Club; Central Illinois Watchmakers Association and Dad's Association.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; a son, Eric, of Champaign; two daughters, Suzanne Martin, Moberly, MO, and Liesel, Champaign; and two grandchildren.

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Co-Editor's Note

The Impossible Dream. Most are familiar with this as the theme song from Man of La Mancha, *where Don Quixote goes about battling windmills. Everyone knew (or so they said) that it was useless — he couldn't beat a windmill.*

Quite a few years ago, people were saying the same thing to Tim Nugent. He had some crazy idea that disabled people deserved independence and a chance to lead a good active life. Just like Don Quixote, Professor Nugent didn't let other people deter him. He kept fighting, and slowly, barrier after barrier crumbled down.

Today, we can look back and see all the changes that have come about and realize a few things. We know there's still a long fight ahead, but we also know something else — our dreams aren't so impossible after all.

"The Impossible Dream," our theme for the 1984-85 SIGMA SIGNS, symbolizes that element of hope and perseverance that it takes to bring about success, not just for the disabled, but for all men.

Sincerely,

Linda Mastandrea

Linda Mastandrea, Co-Editor
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Joe Gerardi

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our alumni and friends who responded to help make this year's Alumni Section the very best. It has been a pleasure to participate in the making of the 1984-85 SIGMA SIGNS dedicated to Professor T. J. Nugent. It has been a good year for DSO and the Rehab Education Center. I would like to thank the alumni for their continued support of SIGMA SIGNS — it is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Gerardi

Joe Gerardi
Alumni Secretary

COVER:
We have been privileged to use the working drawings of Billy Morrow Jackson for our cover. Our alumni have commissioned Professor Jackson to do a portrait of our retiring Director Tim J. Nugent, as a gift to the Rehabilitation Education Center.

Billy Morrow Jackson is a Professor of Art & Design at the University of Illinois. His paintings are in the public collections of the National Collection of Art, Smithsonian Institute; National Gallery of Art; N.A.S.A. National Archives; Metropolitan Museum of Art, Arms Collection; Library of Congress and numerous other museums and art centers. He has held 39 One-Man Shows, is widely published and winner of numerous awards.

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